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REPORT ON THE ANCESTRY

OF THE BACHERTS OF SCHUYLKILL COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA.

31 March, 1910.

A. E. Bachert, Esq.,

Dear Sir:-

We are sending you herewith our final report on the Bachert research.

The research has been an exceedingly difficult and delicate one, and has required an immense labor beyond our anticipations because of the many different spellings of your surname found in the records which required an investigation of a large number of families in determining the possibilities of your ancestry.

As a result of this work, we believe that we have made some very important discoveries bearing on your ancestry; but, as you will see, as you wade through the mass of material which we are sending you, there still remains to be done an immense work, namely, the complete working out of the early generations of a large number of families located in different counties in Pennsylvania bearing somewhat similar names. The same surname took on different disguises-- different spellings, and different pronunciations-- in different localities.

In order to solve the problems which still remain, the only practical method is: (1) the obtaining of abstracts of all the original records in existence of all branches of these families prior to the year 1800 or a little later; (2) the getting into communication with all the descendants possible of all these branches of different families who may be now living in the United States, in order to secure such family records and traditions as they may have so as, in the light of these, to correctly interpret the early documents. The value of this method you will perceive as you follow this report. It has enabled us to achieve the measure of success which we have had.

Circumstantial evidence is as valuable in determining genealogical puzzles as it is in legal matters. When the circumstantial evidence points strongly in one direction and indicates a certain person or persons as the ancestors in a given line, this circumstantial evidence becomes historical conviction when all other possible ancestors whose names appear in the records have been investigated and are shown to be impossibilities in the case by a process of elimination.

The further enlarged research which we think is necessary, in order to get the clues to your ancestral connections in Europe, could be combined with the gathering of data and compiling of it for the publication of a genealogy. We believe that the descendants of these various families with whom we could get into communication would be interested in such a genealogy and would subscribe for such a book, and perhaps otherwise contribute toward its expense.

We have taken the liberty of carefully working out a plan for the further research required, the compilation of the material, and the publication of a book, for your consideration and that of Mr. Franklin J. L. Bachert. This you will find in an appendix to the report.

While nearly every member of our staff has done work on this research, its peculiar difficulties have led the undersigned to give it his peculiar attention for some time, as he personally has had a wide experience in solving the difficult problems which arise in connection with the genealogies of Pennsylvania German and Huguenot families. He has personally made several trips of exploration for original documents in Counties in Pennsylvania toward which the evidence has pointed, and in the report which follows, where the pronoun "I" appears, you will understand that the personal opinion of the undersigned is being given.

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The pages which follow give a pedigree of the supposed descendants of Nicholas Bachert, Revolutionary soldier, the pedigree being followed by footnotes which give the evidence for the statements in the pedigree.

This pedigree was made for our convenience at a somewhat early stage in the work of investigation, in order that we might have clearly before us the facts or probabilities indicated by the evidence then in hand. This evidence consists of the family traditions and records which you have gathered by your correspondence and which you furnished to us, together with such confirmatory evidence as we have been enabled to obtain from printed sources accessible in the libraries here. It will be convenient to make this a point of departure and then to add to the information from significant documents and further library resources which we subsequently obtained.

In the pedigree which follows on the next pages you will notice that certain figures follow the statements in the pedigree. These figures refer to notes similarly numbered following the pedigree, in which the evidence appears.

This pedigree is drawn up in the English style, and its plan will soon be comprehended by you. It supposes that Nicholas Bachert, the Revolutionary soldier, had three sons, (1) Nicholas, (2) Michael, and (3) Jacob. The first two pages of the pedigree are occupied with the descendants of the second Nicholas-the family of Mr. Franklin J. L. Bachert.

You will notice that on the first page of the pedigree a line goes down from the first Nicholas to the second Nicholas, and then two long lines, marked C and D respectively, show that the first Nicholas had two other children, who will be treated of further on. Turning to the second page of the pedigree, these long lines, C and D, extend down that page, showing that the other two sons of the first Nicholas, which these lines represent, are to be treated further on. At the top of the third page of the pedigree the line C ends by connecting

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Michael Bachert, your ancestor, with the first Nicholas, and all of the pedigree on that page, on the fourth page which follows it, and on the first half of the fifth page, is occupied with your branch of the family, the line D, which continues down the third and fourth pages to the middle of the fifth page, showing that the third son of the first Nicholas will be treated after your branch of the family is finished. Thus, on the middle of the fifth page of the pedigree the line D ends with Jacob, the supposed third son of the first Nicholas and the ancestor of William A. Baucher of Wapwallopen. The latter's branch of the family thus occupies the last page and a half of the pedigree.

This explanation will, no doubt, enable you to fully comprehend the plan of the pedigree and its notes.

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Nicholas Bachert, a Revolutionary soldier;[1] little is known about him definotely; his old flint lock rifle and powder flask were treasured heirlooms until the present generation;[1] it is not known whether he was born in America or emigrated to this country;[1] a Nicholas Bachert arrived in Philadelphia fr. Rotterdam 27 September, 1773;[1] family tradition states that the Emigrant Ancestor came from Amsterdam with a company of German Palatines and landed in Philadelphia about the time of the founding of that city;[1] he is thought to have been a French Huguenot refugee, and brought with him many documents relating to the family in France; these documents were destroyed some few years ago;[1] the name of Nicholas Bachert is found in the first census of the United States, taken in 1790, and was then a resident of Penn Township, Northampton County, Pa., he is thought to be buried in a cemetery in the vicinity of Danville, now in Montour County, Pa.[2]

Nicholas Bachert, lived at West Penn and had a farm at that place;[3] is buried at the Red Church, near McKeansburg, Schuylkill County, Pa.[3]

Probably daughters, see Note 5.

Jonathan, or Uni,[3] or Hannes.[7]

Leah, married ....

Kate, mar. Diener or Deemer, descs. live near Bloomsburg and Danville.[5]

Nicholas Bachert; lived at Drehersville, Schuylkill Co., frozen to death at West Penn while going to see his son.[3]

Solomon Bachert.[3]

Solomon Bachert of Drehersville, Schuylkill Co., Pa.

Diana, married .... Armstrong.[5]

Jacob Bachert.[8]

Philip Bachert, born 15 January, 1797;[6] in Schuylkill County;[6] moved from Columbia County to Schuylkill Co. after birth of son Nicholas;[3] died 14 Sept. 1874;[6] was a canal boat builder at Pine Grove, Schuylkill Co.

Barbara Kantner, born in 1800, died in 1846.[4]

Louisa Bachert, born in 1826;[4] married Abraham Dry;[4] had ch: Mary Dry, mar. George Litzenberg;[4] Albert Dry;[4] Louisa Dry, mar. Harry Zimmerman (no dates given, no further record known); Louisa Bachert Dry was living in 1909.[4]

Sabina Bachert, born in 1829;[4] is still living;[4] mar. .... Frederick;[4] had daughter Ella, who is now living in Missouri, and probably others.[4]

Kate Bachert, born in 1830;[4] died 10 December, 1874;[4] mar. William Reigle, who died about 1860;[4] had daughter, Drusilla, 1852; all dead.[4]

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Nicholas Bachert, born 15 January, 1824;[4] in Schuylkill County;[9] is still living and resides at Auburn or Pine Grove, Schuylkill County, with his son-in-law, Samuel Dewald.[10] == Sarah Cramer, born 1828, died 17 March, 1884.[4]

Sabilla Bachert, born 1848; mar. Henry Strasser; is deceased.[4]

William Bachert, born 1850; mar. Mary Ketner, wid. of .... Bachert.[4]

Mary Bachert, b. 1855; mar. Henry Lukenbill; both living.[4]

Emma Bachert, b. 1857; mar. Samuel Dewald; died in 1894.[4]

Elizabeth Bachert, born in 1859; died unmarried in 1898.[4]

George Bachert, born in 1860; living in Missouri.[4]

Christina Bachert, b. 1862; mar. C. Zimmerman; died 1883.[4]

Jane Bachert, born 1866; still living, unmarried.[4]

Sabina Bachert, b. 1866; mar. Samuel Dewald, wid'r of her sister Emma;[4] both still living.

Kate Bachert, b. 1869; mar. William Oflum; is still living.[4]

Lydia Rishel, dau. of Jacob and Catherine Rishel of Schuylkill Co.; born 3 November, 1836; died 3 November, 1855;[4] first wife. == Michael Bachert, born 28 December, 1821;[4] in West Penn Township, Schuylkill Co.;[12] was a canal boat builder at Pine Grove, Schuylkill Co.;[12] removed to Auburn and, later, to Philadelphia in 1856;[12] died 24 Apr. 1901, in that city.[12] == Namah Rishel, born 5 July, 1830; died 22 April, 1884;[4] second wife.

Hiram Sylvester Bachert, born in 1846; died in infancy.[4]

Mary Bachert, born 3 September, 1848;[4] mar. J. J. Hudson;[4] has ch.: Frank B. Hudson, b. 27 Feb., 1880, Mary J. Hudson, b. 14 July, 1882, Florence M. Hudson, b. 28 May, 1888, and James J. Hudson, b. 14 June, 1892;[4] all still living.

Clara Bachert, born in June, 1855; died in infancy.[4]

Franklin Jacob Luther Bachert, born in Pine Grove, Schuylkill County, Pa., 15 February, 1852;[4] resides at 3916 Haverford Avenue, West Philadelphia, Pa; has charge of Real Estate Department of the West Philadelphia Title and Trust Company.[13] == Clara A. Bowers;[4] no children.

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Michael Bachert,[3] lived in West Penn Township, in that part of Northampton County, Pa., which was later set off as Schuylkill County;[14] was the possessor of the old French family documents and of the flint lock rifle and powder flask of Nicholas Bachert, the revolutionary soldier;[4] he passed the last years of his life on the farm of his son, William Bachert, near Seiberling's, West Penn Township, and died there about 1867;[14] was buried in West Penn Township.[16]

.... Shellhammer.[15]

Jonas Bachert,[17] born in Pennsylvania; removed to Michigan, where he died; had children: Sarah Bachert, married and lives in Michigan;[17] Henry R.;[18] and Lydia, who is still living, unmarried.[17]

Katie Bachert, married Jacob Sellers.[19]

Polly Bachert, married John Snyder; had sixteen children, eight boys and eight girls; one son, Adam Snyder, now living at Tamaque, Pa.

Salama Bachert, married Daniel Flexer; had nine children, three of whom are still living; Mrs. Rebecca Cooper of Tamaque, Isaac Flexer of Kutztown, Pa., and Daniel Flexer of Tamaque.[21]

Elizabeth Bachert, married .... Stubbleborn.[20]

Rebecca Bachert, married Daniel Fenstermacher.[20]

William Bachert, born 16 August, 1809;[22] probably in West Penn Township, Schuylkill County;[23] was a resident of that County all his life and owned a farm in West Penn Township; he had the old French documents and the revolutionary rilics of Nicholas Bachert;[24] died 12 June, 1884;[22] was a Methodist, and is buried in the Methodist Cemetery at Barnesville, Schuylkill County, Pa.[25]

Esther Miller, married 25 April, 1836;[22] died 26 March, 1887.[22]

Celia Bachert, born 26 September, 1838;[22] married Benjamin Gerber 20 March, 1859;[22] died 6 September, 1901;[22] Benj. Gerber died 28 April, 1902;[22] ch.: Charles Milton Gerber, b. 6 June, 1862, m. Emily M. Kaufman;[22] Augustus W. Gerber, b. 3 June, 1866, m. Sadie Fields;[22] Henry D. Gerber, twin of Augustus, b. 3 June, 1866, m. Alice Zehner;[22] Janette A. Gerber, b. 19 November, 1868, m. L. Neifert;[22] Ida L. Gerber, b. 7 Aug., 1871, m. William Brobst;[22] Elias A. Gerber, b. 20 died 26 March, 1873.[22]

Michael Bachert, born 26 Jan., 1842;[22] killed on the Lehigh Valley Railroad 22 Feb., 1881;[22] m. Emma Haldeman;[22] ch.: Francis F. Bachert, b. and d. in 1868;[22] Harry W. Bachert, b. 3 Feb., 1869, m. Jennie Kreiger;[22] El-

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enora Bachert, b. 10 March, 1870, m. E. E. Ellsler;[22] Joseph E. Bachert, b. 8 Sept., 1872, m. Elenora Knittle;[22] Thomas I. Bachert, b. 12 June, 1874, m. Ida M. Bressler;[22] Maurice Bachert;[22] Florence L. Bachert, m. H. E. Walters;[22] Minnie J. Bachert, b. 9 Dec., 1878, d. 5 Aug., 1880;[22] Charles E. Bachert, b. and d. in 1880.[22]

Joseph Bachert, born 11 December, 1843;[22] m. (1) Catherine Haldeman 12 November, 1865, who died 26 May, 1873, (2) Elizabeth Mumy 25 December, 1874;[22] ch.: Clara A. Bachert, b. 8 June, 1866, m. Edward Gerhard;[22] Ezra Bachert, b. 20 Nov., 1867, m. Mame Stabe;[22] Quintin Bachert, b. 19 Feb., 1869, m. Rose E. Fogley;[22] Oscar Bachert, b. and d. in 1872;[22] Harvey Bachert, b. 19 Dec., 1876, m. Minnie Boughner;[22] Hester A. Bachert, b. 4 June, 1879, d. 8 Feb., 1899;[22] Elmer Bachert, b. 22 June, 1883, m. Mary Boughner;[22] Edwin Bachert, twin of Elmer, b. 22 June, 1883, m. Daisy A. Fritz.[22]

Mary Elizabeth Bachert, born 29 September, 1845;[22] married Henry Gerber, cousin of Benjamin, 4 February, 1866;[22] ch.: Charles A. Gerber, b. 9 Sept., 1866, m. Josephine Knewter;[22] Francis G. Gerber, b. 24 Jan., 1868, m. Manda Gottshall;[22] Jeremiah Gerber, b. 1870, d. 1872;[22] William Gerber, b. 27 Oct., 1872;[22] Elizabeth Gerber, twin of William, b. 27 Oct., 1872;[22] Harry E. Gerber, b. 31 Dec., 1876, d. 13 Nov., 1887.[22]

Charles Bachert, born 19 February, 1853, died 22 January, 1895;[22] married Mary Bankes 22 October, 1871;[22] ch.: Jennie L. Bachert, b. 15 Feb., 1872, m. Dan Shire;[22] Emma E. Bachert, b. 9 July, 1874, m. Charles Ritzell;[22] Mary F. Bachert, b. 19 Oct., 1878, m. Mark King;[22] Phoebe J. Bachert, b. 22 Oct., 1881, m. Harry Brobst;[22] Lydia E. Bachert, b. 4 April, 1883, m. Joseph Heffelfinger;[22] Jonathan Bachert, b. 19 Apr., 1884;[22] Peter B. Bachert, b. 4 Sept., 1888;[22] George Augustus Bachert, b. 25 Aug., 1891;[22] Maud L. Bachert, b. 22 Sept., 1893.[22]

Emma Isabella Bachert, born 30 January, 1864;[22] married G. A. L. Loch 27 May, 1882;[22] ch.: Mamie Irene Loch, b. and d. in 1883;[22] Edgar Abraham Loch, b. 9 Aug., 1884;[22] Lillie May Loch b. 12 May, 1886, d. 20 Jan., 1890;[22] Mabel Alice Loch, b. 24 Jan., 1888;[22] Roy Harrison Loch, b. and d. in 1889.[22]

William Miller[27] Bachert, born in West Penn Township, Schuylkill County, Pa., 19 March, 1837;[28] saved sufficient money to attend seminary at Norristown;[28] taught school for several years and then went into the gunpowder business about the opening of the Civil War;[28] was engaged in that business until within a few years of his death;[28] was also in lumber and building contracting business for many years;[28] owned two farms near Tamenend, Rush Township, Pa.;[28] was Justice of the Peace and School Director in Rush Township;[28] served in State Legislature as Assembly man from 1889 to 1892;[28] died 30 June, 1903, and is buried at the White Church, Rush Township, near Tamenend, Schuylkill County, Pa.[29]

== Susanna Messerschmidt, dau. of Jacob and Hannah Herring Messerschmidt;[29] born 28 Sept., 1840;[29] mar. 13 April, 1861;[29] now living at Easton, Pa., with dau. Mary.[29]

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Mary PruellaBachert, b. 10 May, 1864, m. J. A. Zehner.[22]

William Franklin Bachert, b. 8 October, 1866.[22]

Hannah Esther Bachert, b. 8 Feb., 1869, m. F. W. Beckert.[22]

Norman Jacob Bachert, born 31 July, 1871.[22]

Sarah Catherine Bachert, born 25 July, 1873, m. Alexander Forsythe.[22]

Laura Emma Bachert, born 26 Aug., 1875, married W. H. Meese.[22]

Hosea Oliver Bachert, born 19 April, 1878, died 30 August, 1902.[22]

Edgar Eugene Bachert, born 16 November, 1880.[22]

Alberta Bachert, born 27 January, 1884.[22]

Augustus Ellsworth Bachert, born near Tamanend, Rush Township, Schuylkill County, Pa., 14 August, 1862;[22] now residing at Robertsdale, Huntingdon County, Pa. == Ada E. Weaver, widow of .... Breisch.[22]

A daughter, married. A daughter, married. Helen.

Jacob Bachert,[30] millwright in West Penn Township, Schuylkill County, Pa.;[31] gave bond to Leonard Zimmerman, weaver, of the same place, for the sum of £31-16-0;[31] was killed in a mill at or near Catawissa in 1827.[32] == Albertina Zimmerman of Schuylkill County.[35]

William Bauchor, born in Pennsylvania;[33] moved to Indiana in 1837;[33] lived in Noblesville, Ind., until 1857, when he moved to Bedford, Iowa, where he died in 1885;[33] married Catherine Sitler at Bloomsburg, Pa., in 1832;[33] added "t" to his name after going West, reason not given;[36] had seven ch.; Lucy A. Bauchert b. in Pa., in 1835, m. William Dale and moved to Iowa in 1855, had one son and one daughter;[33] John Bauchert, b. 19 Jan., 1840, m. .... McMahon, lives in Noblesville, Ind., and has three ch., is a Civil War Vet.;[33] William Bauchert, b. 1843, was Civil War soldier, d. many years ago, nO fam.;[34] Sarah J. Bauchert, b. 1845, m. Tilghman Dale and lives in Kansas City, Kans., has three ch., all living and married;[34] Cassie Bauchert, b. 1849, m. .... Parker, had two sons, both living, she d. same day as sister Lucy;[34] two other daus. who died young.[34]

Joseph Bauchert, born in Pa.; went to Indiana in 1837;[36] lived at Cicero, Hamilton County, Ind., where he died; was married but no fam;[33] mentioned Jonathan Bachert of Michigan as his cousin.[38]

Daniel Bauchert, born in Pa; moved to Indiana with his brothers in 1837;[36] is not mentioned afterwards.

Jacob Bauchert, born in Pa.; moved to Indiana after older brothers went there;[36] lived in Noblesville, Ind., where son, John, is now a jeweller, and daughter, Anna, is a school teacher.[37]

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David Baucher, lived and died in Berwick, Pa;[37] had ch.: Mrs. Fannie Corkins of Berwick, William E. Baucher of Berwick, Gilbert Baucher of Berwick, Mrs. Eliza Williamson of Brooklyn, N.Y., and Lilly, married to S. W. Dickson.[37]

Leah Baucher, married .... Faulkinson and had two ch., Cyrus, living in Iowa, and Lucy, who died in Danville, Pa., leaving three children.[39]

Frances Baucher, married .... Jones; no family.[39]

Nancy Baucher, married Henry Powley; lived and died near Danville, Pa.; had three children; two died and one lives at Horrell, Blair Co., Pa.[39]

Thomas Baucher, born 4 July, 1828, two and one half miles from Danville, Montour County, at a place called Frosty Valley;[40] he resided at Wapwallopen, Pa., and was drowned in the Susquehanna river December, 1889;[40] at the age of sixty or more years.[40] ═══ .... Zimmerman.[41]

Martha Baucher, married .... Mixell.[42]

Hudson C. Baucher.[42]

Charles L. Baucher of Wilkes Barre, Pa.[42]

Letitia Baucher, married .... Croop of Wapwallopen, Pa.[42]

William A. Baucher of Wapwallopen,[42] born in 1852.[43]

1. It is a tradition in the family of Augustus E. Bachert of Robertsdale, Pa., that their ancestor, Nicholas Bachert, was a Revolutionary soldier. His old flint lock rifle and the powder flask with which he used to prime it were long treasured relics in the family, and were last owned by William Bachert, grandson of Nicholas. At his death they fell into the hands of some of his daughters' children, by whom the rifle was sawn into pieces, that each might have a section. By them also the old French documents, brought to this country by the Emigrant Ancestor, relating to the family in France and an estate in that country, were made a bonfire of (Augustus E. Bachert to William A. Baucher of Wapwallopen 18 Jan. 1909). An old family bible of William Bachert also fell into their hands and is still in existance (Aug. E. Bachert). Augustus E. Bachert remembers these relics perfectly, having been shown them by his grandfather, William Bachert. Some of the documents bore large seals, which may have been a Coat-of-Arms. He also remembers his great-grandfather, Michael Bachert, son of Nicholas, quite well, and from both of them he received traditions of this Nicholas Bachert, the Revolutionary soldier. A Nicholas Bachert served as a Private in the Continental Line, Northampton County, Pa.; the exact date of his service is not given, but his name appears among the Rangers on the Frontiers, 1778-1783 (Pennsylvania Archives, Vol. 23, 3rd Series, and Vol. 4, 5th Series). It is supposed that this refers to the Nicholas Bachert in question, as he was known to have been a resident of Northampton County. A Jacob and Solomon Bachert are also mentioned; the relationship of the three does not yet appear, but undoubtedly they were related, as Jacob and Solomon are both family names.

The parentage of this Nicholas Bachert has not, so far, been traced. It is a family tradition that the Emigrant Ancestor came from Amsterdam with a company of German Palatines, and landed in Philadelphia about the time of the founding of that city. A Conrad Bacher, alias Rutter, landed there 20 August, 1683, in Ship America (Rupp's 30,000 Names of Immigrants into Penna., 1727-1776, p. 2. See also Abstract of Bachert Research, p. 2). Augustus E. Bachert remembers that his grandfather told him that the family was of French Huguenot extraction. A Nicholas Bachert arrived in Philadelphia from Rotterdam 27 September, 1773 (Rupp's 30,000 Names).

Nicholas, Jacob and Solomon Pughard or Pughart, are found as heads of families in the first census of the United States, taken in 1790; they were residents of Penn Township, Northampton County, Pa.

2. "I think someone was in the Washington war, but I don't know who it was;-- maybe my great-grandfather Nicholas. I know my grandfather was named for him and he must be buried way up near Danville, because we all come from Columbia County, but most of us are now in Schuylkill County many years" (reminiscences of Nicholas Bachert of Auburn, uncle of Franklin J. L. Bachert of Phila.).

William A. Baucher of Wapwallopen also says: "I am of opinion that my great-grandfather died and is buried back on Columbia Hills, as I stated before."

3. "Well my grandfather Nicholas had two brothers, Michael and Jacob. Your father [of Franklin J. L. B.] and me are grandsons of that Nicholas and this Michael had a son William and another son whose name I have forgotten. This son Bill had a son William M., and a son Michael that I know of, and this latter son, Michael, was killed on the railroad, that I know. Now this son William had a powder mill and was in the lumber business. When I had the farm this William came to see me, and we were great friends, and I did see old Bill -- we used to say old Bill and young Bill -- but I never did see old Michael nor Jacob. Now, this old man Michael died suddenly. He went out, I think, to cut wood, and took cold. In the evening he went out in the yard and did not come in, so they found him about dead, I think in a shed [this fact is corroborated by Augustus E. B., great-grandson of Michael]. This old Michael was my father's uncle, and your father [Franklin's] was named for him. My father's brother Nicholas froze to death in West Penn Township and was at that time living in Drehersville, Schuylkill County, and was going to see his son. A great storm came up, and he was found in the snow, dead, and he was a very old man. He had a son Solomon, and this Solomon had a son Solomon, who is living at Drehersville and he spells his name as we do [Bachert]. Your great-grandfather Nicholas is buried at the Red Church, near McKeans-

burg, Schuylkill County. I think my father had a brother Jonathan, or Uni, as we called him [Uni is Penna. Dutch for Jonas], but I cannot tell where he died. My grandfather Nicholas lived in West Penn and had a farm there, and when my father [Philip Bachert] moved from Columbia County we were stopping at his house until we had our house ready, and I know that my father's uncle Jacob bought some land in West Penn before I was born, from L. Zimmerman [see Note 31]. This my father told me and I think someone was in the Washington war, but I dont know who it was,-- maybe my graat-grandfather Nicholas. I know that my grandfather was named for him and he must be buried way up near Danville, because we all come from Columbia County, but most of us are now in Schuylkill County many years. My father and old Bill were first cousins. Your father [Franklin's] and I are second cousins to young Bill, and you and this young man [Augustus E. B.] are third cousins" (Reminiscences of Nicholas Bachert of Auburn, aged 86, given to his nephew Franklin J. L. Bachert, and quoted in letter of Aug. E. B. 25 Feb., 1909).

4. The statements under this note number are given from a family record supplied by Mr. Franklin J. L. Bachert of Philadelphia to Mr. Augustus E. Bachert, and quoted in letter of the latter dated 25 Feb., 1909.

5. "My grandfather had three sisters, as follows:- Leah, married -- Do not know name of husband. Kate, married Diener or Deemer, and Diana married Armstrong. Uncle Nicholas says some of them are living near Bloomsburg and at Danville, some of the young folks of these daughters' children" (Franklin J. L. B. to Augustus E. B., quoted in letter of latter 25 Feb., 1909).

A question arises regarding these daughters of Nichiolas Bachert, in considering the parentage of Jacob Bachert, grandfather of William A. Baucher of Wapwallopen. From Notes 3 and 30 it will be seen that this Jacob is supposed to be son of Nicholas the Revolutionary soldier, and brother of Michael and Nicholas, father to the Leah, Kate and Diana here discussed. He also is said to have had sisters who married Deemer and Miller, and who lived in the vicinity of Bloomsburg and Danville, where some of their descendants are said to be still living, by name of Edgar and Appleman (see quotation from letter of William A. B. in Note 30). The similarity of the family record as to the sisters of Philip, grandfather of Franklin J.L. B. and the sisters of Jacob, grandfather of William A. B., lead to the surmise that Jacob and Philip were brothers, the more so as Philip is said to have had a brother, Jacob (see Note 8; compare Note 7).

6. "My grandfather was Philip, born in Schuylkill County Feb. 15, 1797; died 14 Sept., 1874"(Franklin J. L. B. to Augustus E. B., quoted in letter of latter 29 Dec., 1908). It is elsewhere stated that Philip moved from Columbia County to Schuylkill County sometime after his marriage and the birth of some of his children (see Note 3); and that the family were of Columbia County at that period. This seems to be a discrepancy.

7. There seems to be some question as to this Jonathan (or Uni, or Hannes) Bachert. Franklin J. L. Bachert says:- "My father [Michael] told me that most of the family died in Columbia County, where he himself lived when a little boy, and that he remembered the time when they moved into Schuylkill County, on the farm of his grandfather who was Nicholas, ... and he told me that his father [Philip] had two brothers, Jacob and Jonathan, or Hannes, as they called him. Now about the photo of the bond which you sent me. It convinces me that Mr. William A. Baucher is also a cousin of ours and of the same line with us, and I do believe that his grandfather [Jacob] and mine were brothers, as I am named Jacob for my father's uncle Jacob, who was living in West Penn Township, wgich was eleven years before my father was born. So I take pleasure in saying that Mr. W. A. Baucher is my cousin once removed, and I am of the same opinion as he that our great-grandfather is buried in Columbia, or at least what was Columbia County [now Montour]. And if Jacob was his grandfather then Nicholas must be his great-grandfather ..... But be this as it may, I believe we are all from the same head. And again, my father was named for Michael

who was my grandfather's uncle and brother to my great-grandfather Nicholas, while the same Michael was your great-grandfather, who was a brother to Nicholas, my great-grandfather. ..... I also remember of my father telling me that he had an uncle Jonathan somewhere in the West, but did not know where." (Franklin J. L. B.; quoted in letter of Augustus E. B. 1 Feb., 1909). By reference to Note 3 it will be seen that Nicholas Bachert of Auburn, uncle of Franklin, thought his father, Philip, had a brother Jonathan or Uni. We have no further evidence of this Jonathan beyond the above two statements, and do not know any data concerning him. A Jonathan or Jonas (Uni or Hannes is Penna Dutch for both) Bachert was brother of William Bachert, both being sons of Michael Bachert, son of Nicholas the Revolutionary soldier. This Jonas moved out to Michigan and died there; his daughter, Lydia, is still living and corresponds with Augustus E. Bachert, who is the son of William M. Bachert, her cousin. He was cousin to Philip and the Nicholas who was frozen to death. Some confusion has arisen in the family as to the identity of Jonathan and Jonas. It is, however, quite probable that the two brothers, Nicholas and Michael, had each a son Jonathan or Jonas, and both these cousins went out West, the subsequent history of only the son of Michael being known.

8. By reference to the letter of Franklin J. L. Bachert in first part of preceding note, it will be seen that he says his father told him that his father, Philip, had brothers, Jacob and Jonathan. It will also be seen that he places this Jacob as the signer of the old bond, now in the possession of William A. Baucher of Wapwallopen. In this latter surmise he is probably mistaken. In Note 3 it will be seen that Franklin's uncle, Nicholas, tells of his father's [Philip] uncle, Jacob, having bought land in West Penn from L. Zimmerman. This appears to be the correct statement, the Jacob of the old bond being the brother of Michael and Nicholas, all three being sons of Nicholas the Revolutionary soldier, and heads of the three main branches of the family.

9. "My father has a brother whose name is Nicholas, who was born in the same County [West Penn, Schuylkill Co.] and who will be 86 years of age on Jan. 15 next [1909]. (Franklin J. L. B. to Augustus E. B.; in letter of latter 29 Dec., 1908).

10. "You speak of viditing my uncle Nicholas in the Spring -- a good idea, but you must talk Penna Dutch as he does not like to speak English if he can help it. He is living with a son-in-law by name of Samuel Dewald" (Franklin J. L. B. to Augustus E. B., letter of latter 1 Feb., 1909). In an earlier letter Franklin speaks of hearing from a cousin in Auburn, who was to question this old Nicholas as to his ancestry.

11. "Lydia, first wife of Michael [Bachert] born Nov. 3, 1836; died Nov. 3, 1855" (Family record of Franklin J. L. Bachert). The date, 1836, given as birth of Lydia Rishel is evidently a mistake, inasmuch as her first child was born in 1846. It may be that the date of the birth of Namah Rishel, second wife of Michael Bachert, 5 July, 1830, is really that of Lydia, the two having been somehow mixed.

12. "I was born in Pine Grove, Schuylkill County, but my father being in the boat building business, we left Pine Grove when I was a baby, ... We moved to Auburn, also in Schuylkill, and my father was in the same business until my mother died, when he sold out and came to Philadelphia in 1856; and I have lived here ever since" (Franklin J. L. B. to Augustus E. B., quoted in letter of latter 18 Jan., 1909). "My father, Michael Bachert, was born in West Penn Township, now Schuylkill County, Dec. 28, 1821 ..... he died here in this city [Philadelphia] April 24, 1901" (Ibid, letter of 29 Dec. 1908).

13. This statement is found in a letter of Augustus E. Bachert, 1 Feb., 1909.

14. Mr. Augustus Ellsworth Bachert remembers his great-grandfather, Michael Bachert, quite distinctly. In those early days the family seems to have been located in West Penn Township, which was first in Northampton County and, later, was set off as part of Schuylkill County in 1811. The order of his birth is not known. From the fact that he possessed the family heirlooms, the old French documents and the flint lock rifle and powder flask of his father, Nicholas, it is probable that he was the eldest son, and that Nicholas, his brother, was younger; but as the eldest son usually was given the patronymic of his father we have placed Nicholas first in the order of primogeniture for this reason. Michael Bachert was living as late as 1867, from which fact it would appear that he was born sometime subsequent to the Revolution. He was a very old man at his death (stated by Augustus E. Bachert). He lived with his son, William Bachert, near Seiberling's in West Penn Township, and died there, being found either dead or dying in an outhouse, one winter, after having overexerted himself felling wood and hauling it home (Recollections of Augustus E. Bachert; letter of 14 Feb., 1909; see also reminisconces of Nicholas Bachert of Auburn in Note 3). He is buried in West Penn Township, Schuylkill County (Augustus E. B., letter of 14 Jan., 1909).

15. Family reminiscences are the only authority so far obtained for the statement that Michael Bachert's wife was a Shellhammer. In 1790 a George, Simon and Abraham Shellhammer were residents of Penn Township, Northampton County (First Census of the United States, taken in 1790, Pennsylvania, printed at the Govt. Print. Office, Washington, 1908, p. 178). The Bacherts were also residents of this Township. The following are extracts from correspondence bearing upon the subject. "My great-grandfather, Michael, died about 1867. I was born in 1862 and I remember him distinctly. His wife's name was Shellhammer, but I do not know what her given name was. I do not know how many children they had. William, my grandfather, was one; Polly, the mother of Adam Snyder, was another; and Jonathan or Jonas, who removed to Michigan, was another" (Letter of Augustus E. Bachert, 5 Feb., 1909). "Our great-grandmother, according to Adam Snyder, was a Shellhammer" (Ibid, 14 Feb., 1909). "About grandfather Michael Bachert, all I know about him his wife was a born Shellhammer. About sisters or brothers of Michael I dont know if he had any or not. About your grandfather William Bacherts brothers and sisters, one brother, Jonas, in Michigan, but he is dead and that's about all I know of him. One of the sisters was married to Daniel Flexer ..... The other sisters were Elizabeth, married to Stubbleborn, Rebecca was married to Daniel Fenstermacher, ... Polly, that was my mother, she was married to John Snyder, Katie, she was married to Jacob Zeller ..... About my father ..... he had sixteen children, eight boys and eight girls ..... I will be sixty-eight years old Feb. 16, 1908" (Letter of Adam Snyder to Augustus E. Bachert, 18 Jan., 1908). "I am a son of Daniel Flexer who married one of the four sisters you mentioned in your letter, my mother's name being Salama Bachert, she had nine children, all of whom are dead but three ..... Mrs. Rebecca Cooper, Tamaqua, Isaac Flexed, Kutztown, Pa., and myself. I am 72 years old and the relationship between your father and me is first cousins" (Letter of Daniel Flexer to Augustus E. B., 29 Jan., 1908).

16. "I think my great grandfather Michael was buried in the Lutheran Cemetery in West Penn Township, Schuylkill County. I do not know where Nicholas is buried at. Some of the Baucher branch, at Berwick, Pa., seem to think he was interred back of Danville, in Columbia County, Pa." (Letter of Augustus E. Bachert, 23 Dec., 1908).

17. There seems to be no doubt whatever, from data so far obtained, that William Bachert, son of Michael, had a brother, Jonas, who went out to Michigan to live, and whose daughter, Lydia, is in correspondence with Mr. Augustus E. Bachert in regard to family relationships, etc., and whose communication is awaited to clear up the question. Confusion has arisen from the statement of the Nicholas branch that Philip, son of Nicholas, had a brother, Jonathan or Uni, who went out West also (see Notes 3 and 7). The difficulty has been fully discussed in Note 7. The following extract bears upon the question: "Lydia B[achert] said

it would be a good plan to write to Adam Snyder in West Penn he could likely tell you as much as anyone. Her father's name was Jonas Bachert and grandpa was the only brother he had that she knew of, that was William Bachert. I saw Aunt Mary and Uncle Joe, they dont know of any other brother their father had. Their grandparents, that's Grandpa's parents, are buried in West Penn, they lived there and our great-grandfather was one of the oldest pioneers, so Lydia told me" (Letter of Mrs. Meese to her brother, Augustus E. Bachert, no date). "In your letter you speak of one Jonathan in Michigan. I knew of him before. My father was out in the West many years ago and was visiting them, and always called him cousin, and again in the year 1881 I visited my uncles, one living at Noblesville, the other, Cicero, Hamilton County, Ind. ... ... My uncle Joseph, then an old man, I suppose somewhere in the 70's told me about those Bauchers up in Michigan as his cousins, he mentioned Jonathan and I think one John ..... he gave me quite a history, but for some reason I failed to appreciate. He was a pretty bright old man and I am sure he could have given me the information that I would value highly" Letter of William A. Baucher of Wapwallopen, to Augustus E. B., 11 Dec., 1907. Joseph Bauchert is since dead; he had no family). From the above mention of a Jonathan and a John in Michigan it would seem that there were two men with similar names in that State. It should be noted also in this connection, that Nicholas of Auburn remembers that Michael Bachert had sons William and another, whose name he could not remember, and that at the same time he spoke of his father, Philip Bachert, as having a brother, Jonathan or Uni (see Note 3).

"Lydia, his daughter [Jonas'] and my father's cousin .... made my father's home her general headquarters. She and I corresponded frequently when she was at her home in Michigan; she had an older sister, married, but do not know to whom. I believe her name (given) was Sarah" (Letter of Augustus E. B.achert, 5 Feb., 1909).

18. The statements under this note number are made upon the authority of the small blue family chart, compiled by Mr. Augustus E. Bachert.

19. Jacob Sellers was still living in 1907, aged eighty-five years, at Tamaqua, but too feeble to give any information beyond the fact of his wife's mother's name being Shellhammer.

20. See letter of Adam Snyder in Note 15.

21. See letter of Daniel Flexer in Note 15.

22. The statements under this note number are made upon the authority of the large blue family chart, compiled by Mr. Augustus E. Bachert.

23. Mr. Augustus E. Bachert thinks his grandfather, William, was born in Schuylkill County; as he lived in West Penn Township, and his father had lived there before him, it is likely he was also born there.

24. Mr. Augustus E. Bachert remembers well his grandfather, William Bachert, shewing him these documents and the old rifle and powder flask. Some of the documents bore large seals which may have borne a Coat-of-Arms, but there is no possibility now of knowing this. These documents, many of them, were in relation to an estate in France, left there unprotected by the Emigrant Ancestor in his hurried flight from that country on account of religious persecution.

25. This statement is found in a letter of Mr. Augustus E. Bachert, 23 Dec., 1908.

26. "Michael married Emma Haldeman (I think a sister of Joseph Bachert's first wife). Michael was a railroader and was killed on the Lehigh Valley R.R. at Delano, Pa., on Washington's Birthday in the 80's. His widow never married again and is still living" (Letter of Augustus E. Bachert, 5 Feb., 1909).

27. "My grandmother's maiden name was Esther Miller. My father adopted his middle name from her maiden name because of the confusion of his own and his father's mail" (Ibid,).

28. "William Miller Bachert, my father, was born March 19, 1837, in Schuylkill County, Pa., either in West Penn Township or near Cressona (alater letter says at Hoppes' Mill). He worked on farm and later on track of Phila. and Reading R.R. Savedenough money to attend a seminary at Norristown; taught country schools for five or six terms; went into powder (gun and blasting) business about time of the inception of the Civil war in Schuylkill County, and continued in said business until several years before his death. Was also engaged in lumber and building contracting from early 80's until his death. Owned two farms in Rush Township, Schuylkill County, on one of which he lived and where all his children were reared (I am the only one not born on said farm, the place of my nativity being about a mile to the West of this farm). He held petty township offices -- Justice of the Peace, School Director, etc., all of the time he lived in the community. Was elected and served in the State Legislature from 1889 -92. I do not know of anything specially noteworthy in his political career. He fought "tooth and nail" the project of forming a new county out of portions ofSchuylkill and Luzerne" (Letter of Mr. Augustus E. Bachert 5 Feb., 1909).

29. "My father was born in Schuylkill County, Pa., March 19, 1837; married to Susanna Messerschmidt April 13, 1861, and died June 30, 1905. Buried at the "White Church" in Rush Township (near Tamenend), Schuylkill County, Pa. This church is a "Union " church, i.e. Lutheran and German Reformed. He was a Lutheran.

"My mother was also born in Schuylkill County, Pa., Sept. 28, 1840. She is still living and stays with my sister, Mary, at Easton, Pa. Mother is a member of the German Reformed church and still retains membership at said "White Church" (Letter of Augustus E. Bachert, 23 Dec., 1908). "My father and mother were married at Tamaqua, Schuylkill County, Pa., by the Rev. Levi K. Dorr, D.D. Father was born near Hoppes' Mill in West Penn Township, Schuylkill County; mother was born on a farm close to Barnesville in Rush Township, and this was also the birthplace of her mother, whose maiden name was Hannah Herring. ..... She was the second wife of Joseph Messerschmidt, who was born in Berks County, Pa., in July, 1800, and died in Rush Township, Schuylkill County, Oct., 1880" (Ibid, 25 Feb. 1909).

30. Nicholas Bachert of Auburn remembers that his grandfather, Nicholas, had brothers Michael and Jacob (see Note 3). There is nothing to indicate the order of their births, nor the dates of those events, but reckoning from approximate dates of the births of some descendants these three brothers must have been born during the late Revolutionary period or soon afterwards. Thus: Philip, son of the above Nicholas, was born about 1797; if his father, Nicholas, was 24 years old at the time of Philip's birth, that would place the birth of Nicholas about 1773, and the brothers of Nicholas just previous or following that date. William A. Baucher of Wapwallopen, states that his father, Thomas Baucher, was first cousin to William Bachert, the son of Michael. This being so, then it follows that Jacob, the father of Thomas, and Michael, the father of William, must have been brothers, and this conclusion is borne out by the recollection of Nicholas of Auburn, given above. Nicholas

also remembers that his father's uncle, Jacob, bought land in West Penn from L. Zimmerman (see Note 3). There is an old bond, now in the possession of William A. Baucher of Wapwallopen, which bears date 1810 and is for the sum of £31-16-0, from Jacob Bachert to Leonard Zimmerman, both of West Penn. Thus far the connection seems clear. But there comes in a question, as there was more than one Jacob; thus: Nicholas, son of the first Nicholas, had sons Philip, Nicholas, Jonathan and Jacob (see Notes 7 and 8, etc.), and they are said to have had three sisters (see Note 5). One of these sisters married a Deemer, and Nicholas of Auburn thinks that some of their children are now living near Bloomsburg and Danville (see Note 5). We hear nothing further of the Jonathan and Jacob of the Nicholas line. William A. Baucher states that his grandfather, Jacob, "had some sisters who married and stayed back of Danville. Some of that line is still living there. There was a Deemer family, and I think, a Miller. A couple of cousins of my father lived in Bloomsburg some years ago. They were women, married to an Edgar and an Appleman. I would like to go back there and see if I can trace them ..... old Mrs. Edgar died a few years ago (William A. B. to Augustus E. B., quoted in letter of latter 14 Feb., 1909). The similarity of names and places raises the question, Is the grandfather of William A. Baucher the Jacob, brother to Philip? If so he would be cousin to William, son of Michael, and their children second cousins and not first, as is now supposed, though the father of Jacob would still be a Nicholas, but the second of the name and nàt the first. A Jacob Bachert served as a Private in the Northampton County, Pa., Militia, during the Revolution (Pennna. Archives, Vol. 23, 3d Series, and Vol. 4, 5th Series, Rangers on the Frontiers 1778-1783). Also a Nicholas Bacher (Ibid) and Solomon Bachert; but whether the three were related has not so far been disclosed. They were probably brothers, and Nicholas named one of his sons Jacob for him. However this may be, the Jacob now under discussion was not the one of the Revolution, as he was probably born about that time, or a little later. William A. Baucher has also some tax receipts of his grandfather, Jacob: for 1816 the name is spelled Baughert; for 1817, Jacob Bougher; in 1818 and 1819, Jacob Baugher; and in 1834 a tax receipt of the "Widow Baucher," paid by her son Jacob. This last is the first instance of the spelling "Baucher" the one now used by that branch of the family, although this same son Jacob and three of his older brothers, when they migrated West, added a "t" to their name, making it "Bauchert." The tax receipt is for Columbia County in 1817. The locality where the Bacherts lived went through various changes of counties, as will be seen by reference to the note later on which takes up this subject.

31. "KNOW all Men by These Presents: That I Jacob Bachert of West Penn Township in the County of Northampton and State of Pennsylvania Millwright, - am--- held and firmly bound unto Leonard Zimmerman Junr of the Same place Weaver ------ in the sum of thirty one pounds & sixteen Shillings Lawfull Gold or Silver Money of ------- Pennsylvania -------- to be paid to the said Leonard Zimmerman or to ------- his certain Attorney, Execotors, " etc. .... "Dated the fifth Day of December in the Year of our LORD One Thousand Eight Hundred and Ten" Signed "Jacob Bachert"

32. This statement is made upon the authority of William A. Baucher, his grandson.

33. Authority for this statement is taken from letters of Mr. John Bauchert of Noblesville, Ind., to Mr. Augustus E. Bachert of Robertsdale, Pa., 3 April, 1906.

34. Ibid, quoted in letter of Augustus E. B. 14 Jan. 1909.

35. "I could not give date of marriage but my grandmother Baucher's maiden name was Albertina Zimmerman, Schuylkill County." (Letter of William A. Baucher to Augustus E. Bachert, quoted in letter of latter 14 Feb., 1909).

36. "The older brothers of my father went West and made it [Baucher] Bauchert, according to their father's pronunciation (that was his father's brothers, William, Joseph and Daniel) and my uncle Jacob, going out afterwards, bought property, and in making out the papers, signed them as Jacob Baucher, but they would not accept them; told him that as his older brothers, William and Joseph, went as Bauchert he would have to do the same." (Told by the above Jacob Bauchert to William A. Baucher in 1881, when the latter visited him: quoted in letter of Augustus E. B. 14 Jan., 1909).

37. This statement is made upon the authority of letter of William A. Baucher to Augustus E. Bachert 11 Dec., 1907.

38. "In 1881 I visited my uncles, one living at Noblesville, the other at Cicero, Hamilton County, Ind., also the John you speak of at Noblesville. My uncle Joseph, then an old man I suppose in the 70's, told me about those Bauchers up in Michigan as hiscousins, he mentioned Jonathan and I think one John" (Original letter of William A. B. to Augustus E. B. 11 Dec., 1907).

39. "The names of my father's three sisters are as follows: Oldest, Leah, married man by name of Faulkinson; she had two children, boy named Cyrus, living somewhere in Iowa, the daughter named Lucy who died in Danville, Pa., left family of three children, two girls and a boy. The next sister's name was Frances; married man by name of Jones; left no family. Next, Nancy; married Henry Powley. They had three children, all dead but the boy, an old bach., living back at Horrell, Blair Co., Pa. He is about 57, my age" (William A. B. to Augustus E. B., quoted in letter of latter 14 Feb., 190.).

40. Thomas Baucher was born after his father's death in 1827. He was the youngest of the family of nine children (William A. B., his son, to Augustus E. B., quoted in letter of latter 14 Jan., 1909). He was a builder and mason (Ibid); was drowned in the Susquehanna river December, 1889 (Letter of J. E. Shobert to Augustus E. B., 18 Aug., 1908, and confirmed by William A. Baucher, his son). Charles L. Baucher of Wilkes Barre, son of Thomas, sends photo of the birthplace of Thomas Baucher with memo. Frosty Valley, 2 1/2 miles from Danville, Montour Co., 4 July, 1828.

41. "My mother's name was also Zimmerman. No relation to the aforesaid grandmother Zimmerman that I know of. I cannot tell you what my grandfather Zimmerman's name was nor my grandmother's. I only know she was a Doltinger before marriage" (William A. B. to Augustus E. B. quoted in letter of 14 Feb., 1909).

42. "My father's family consists of my oldest sister, a widow, Mrs. Martha Mixell, myself, W. A. Baucher, Hudson O. Baucher, Charles L. Baucher of Wilkes Barre, Pa., and Letitia Croop, Wapwallopen, Pa." (Original letter of William A. Baucher to Augustus E. B., 11 Dec., 1907).

43. This statement is made upon the authority of the small blue chart of the Bachert family, compiled by Mr. Augustus E. Bachert.

A branch of the Bachert family has been found at New Ringgold, Pa., but no place can be assigned to it in the preceding pedigree until further identifying data can be obtained. The writer of the letter, Edward F. Bachert of New Ringgold, states: "I am the son of William C. Bachert of New Ringgold, Pa., My grandfather was Solomon B., and my great-grand father was George Bachert, who came to Lower Schuylkill County, Pa., in the early 18 hundreds. The C. W. B., or Charles, whom you mentioned of the Normal School, is my brother, and he has our family history about completed after years of toil. As he stated we were of French descent I would kindly advise you to write to him concerning same. Address C. W. Bachert, 420 Walnut Street, So. Bethlehem, Pa." Signed "E. F. Bachert" "N.B. Write also to Henry Bachert, New Ringgold, R.F.D. 1, who is my uncle. Perhaps he can help you very much."

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It is not known who was the Emigrant Ancestor of the Bachert family. There is a tradition in the family that he arrived in Philadelphia, with a party of German Palatines, about the time of the founding of that city. He is said to have been a French Huguenot refugee, and brought with him many documents relating to the family in that country, and to an estate which he had to leave unprotected in his flight from religious persecution. These documents were in existence as late as 1870 but were destroyed by fire about that time. The spelling of Bachert is said to be a corruption of the original French name, the correct spelling not being now known.

On 10 August, 1683, Conrad Bacher, alias Rutter, arrived in Philadelphia as the servant of Francis Daniel Pastorius, who brought a party of thirty-three persons from Germany, by way of London, on the ship America, Capt. Joseph Wasey. They settled in Germantown, Pa., where they founded the Mennanite Church. Conrad Bacher is known to have had children, and to have sent them to Pastorius to school. It is thought that he may be the Bachert ancestor; at least it is a clue. The church records of Germantown might furnish names of the children, bearing in mind the alias of Rutter, the reason of which does not appear.

A more suggestive clue is found in the name of Nicklaus Bachert, who arrived in Philadelphia 27 September, 1773, ship Union, from Rotterdam. (Rupp's Penna. Immigrants).

West Penn Township seems to have been the home of the Bachert family for several of the earlier generations, although Nicholas Bachert of Auburn, now 86 years of age, says the family came originally from Columbia County and moved from there into Schuylkill County. The earliest records we have are of Nicholas, Jacob and Solomon Bachert, who were heads of families in Penn Township, Northampton County, when the first census of the United States was taken in 1790. These names also appear as Rangers on the Frontiers in the Northampton Militia 1778-1783. There is a tradition in two distinct branches of the family that the Revolutionary grandsire, Nicholas, was buried in a cemetery on the Columbia Hills, in the neighborhood of Danville, once in Columbia, now Montour County. It is well established that some of the family lived in that locality, Danville and Bloomsburg, and that some of their descendants are now resident there. West Penn Township may have included this locality in the very early days of its settlement, although no hint of this appers in local histories consulted. It went through several changesof county names, which may account for a looseness of expression in regard to the locality.

West Penn Township was originally a part of Northampton County, Pa.; Northampton Co. being erected in 1752, with Easton as its County Town (History of Northampton Co., Pa., 1752-1877, p. 48). In 1811 West Penn Township became a part of Schuylkill County, and still remains.

It is especially desired to trace the ancestry of Nicholas Bachert the Revolutionary soldier, or to find if he was the emigrant ancestor of the family. The name is found under various spellings, viz.: Bachert, Bauchert, Baucher, Baughert, Boucher, Bochart, Broucher, and even as Pughard and Pughart. The given names in the family are Nicholas, Jacob, Michael, Solomon.

1772 George Braucher, farmer; Christian Braucher, farmer; taxable in Northampton Co.

" " Solomon Bacherd, lab'r; taxable in Penn Township.

1778-1783 Nicholas Becker, Nicholas Basher, Jacob Bachert, Jacob Becker, Jacob Beckel, Nicholas Baker, Christian Beckel, John Braucher, Thomas Beckel were Privates among the Rangers on the Frontiers.

1780 Jacob Bucher, farmer, taxable for £487 in Williams Township.

1785 Penn Township. Solomon Bachard, Nicholas Backard, Jacob Bacherd, taxables.

1786 " " " " " " (Penna. Archives, Vol. 19, pp. 164, 258).

1788 Penn Township. Solomon Bachert, Jacob Bachert, Nicholas Bachert, taxables.(Ibid, p. 342).

1790 Penn Township. Nicholas Pughart, Solomon Pughard, Jacob Pughard, in list of heads of families at first census of United States, taken 1890.

" Also George, Simon and Abraham Shelhamer. (Michael Bachert's wife was a Shelhamer and they lived in West Penn Township.

1800 or thereabouts, Michael Bachert had a farm in West Penn Township. He lived all his life in this locality; spent the last years of his life with son, William Bachert, on farm near Seiberling's, West Penn Tsp.; was found frozen to death in an outhouse about 1867. <u>Line of descent</u>.

1809 William Bachert, born 16 August, probably in West Penn Tsp.; son of above Michael, resided all his life in this locality.

1810 Jacob Bachert of West Penn Township, Millwright, gave bond to Leonard Zimmerman, Junior, weaver, of same place, for $31-16-0.

There are some old tax receipts of the above Jacob Bachert in the possession of his grandson, William A. Baucher. They date from 1816 to 1834, the last one being of the "Widow Baucher." In 1817 the receipt is for Columbia County; it is not stated for what county the others are.

Schuylkill County

Schuylkill County was erected from Northampton and Berks Counties 1 March, 1811. It included the townships of West Penn and Rush in Northampton County. Orwigsburg was the first County Town; in 1847 th seat of Justice was removed to Pottsville.

Nicholas Bachert of Auburn says his grandfother, Nicholas, is buried at the Red Church near McKeansburg; and this is confirmed by Franklin J.L.Bachert of Philadelphia. No dates are given.

1811 Michael Bachert was a resident of West Penn Township at this date, and so continued until his death in 1867. His son, William, had a farm near Seiberling's. Hoppes' Mill is also another name mentioned in connection with this branch, but later.

1817 July 9. Michael Baucher, Jr., warranter for 260 acres of land in Schuylkill Co.

1821 Michael Bachert, son of Philip, born in West Penn Tsp. 28 Dec., 1821; resided at Pine Grove and Auburn, and finally moved to Phila.

1824 Nicholas Bachert, son of Philip, born in West Penn Tsp., 15 Jan., 1824; is now living at Auburn or Pine Grove.

1833 May 8. Jacob Backer mentioned as Postmaster (no place given); he was a Revolutionary pentioner in Schuylkill County (Penna. Archives,Vol. 23, p. 539).

West Penn Township was the home of many of the Bacherts, who were born and died in the locality, but the absence of dates and names of places of these events make it difficult to arrange them chronologically.

1797 Philip Bachert born 15 January, 1797, in Schuylkill Co. (?) Said also to have moved into Schuylkill from Columbia Co.; lived at Pine Grove, Schuylkill Co., had family. Line of descent.

Columbia County

Columbia County was erected from part of Northumberland County 22 March, 1813. Danville was its first County Town. In 1847 Bloomsburg became County Town and the records were removed there.

The vicinity of Danville and Bloomsburg seems to have been the home of some of the early Bacherts. Nicholas Bachert, the Revolutionary grandsire, is said to be buried in a cemetery "out on the Columbia Hills, back of Danville" (William A. Baucher). Nicholas Bachert of Auburn says the family came originally from Columbia County and moved into Schuylkill County, but this does not agree with the fact that the first records are found in Penn Township, which was first Northampton and then Schuylkill County. However, it is clear that some of the family lived in early days near Danville and Bloomsburg, and some of the descendants of female branches are still residents of that locality; names Deemer, Armstrong, Edgar, Appleman. Danville is now the County Seat of Montour County.

1800 or thereabouts, Philip Bachert is said to have lived in Columbia County and to have moved from thence to Schuylkill County; no dates given.

1798 John Bogart, among first settlers in Montour County, Mahoning Township.

1828 May 18. Emanuel Bogart, farmer, was born in Catawissa; son of Jacob and Elizabeth (Moyer) Bogart. Paternal grandfather, Nicholas Bogart of German descent, who served as Captain in the Revolution, was taken prisoner, imprisoned in a church and died while a prisoner. (History of Columbia and Montour Counties, by J. H. Battle, p. 527). Jacob Bachert, the signer of the bond to Leonard Zimmorman, was killed in a mill at or near Catawissa. But his wife's name was Zimmerman. He, also, was son of a Nicholas who served in the Revolution.

1817 A tax receipt of Jacob Bachert (spelled Bougher in receipt) bearing this date, for Columbia County, is in possession of William A. Baucher of Wapwallopen. Jacob was a millwright of Penn Township, Northampton County.

Montour County

Montour County was erected in 1850, it is therefore of too recent date to be needed in present research, the period being covered by Columbia County.

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The preceding pedigree is, we believe, substantially correct, so far as it goes. We have found nothing which leads us to doubt that Mr. Franklin J. L. Bachert's great-grandfather, Nicholas, your own great-grandfather, Michael, and Mr. William A. Baucher's grandfather, Jacob, were brothers, three of the sons of Nicholas Bachert, the Revolutionary soldier. The fact that there is one generation less in the line down to William A. Baucher has no significance. His father was a youngest son, and provided that his grandfather, Jacob, was also younger than his brothers, the great-grandfathers of yourself and of Mr. Franklin J. L. Bachert, respectively, this would completely explain the fact that there is one generation less down to Mr. William A. Baucher. We continually meet such cases in our genealogical studies. The thing happens sometimes in a single generation. When there is a large family, the eldest child may marry and have a child before, or soon after the birth of his own younger sisters or brothers. As you know, an uncle or aunt is sometimes only a little older, and sometimes even younger than his or her niece or nephew.

The two abstracts following were obtained by me at Pottsville, the County seat of Schuylkill County. They plainly refer to Philip Bachert, Mr. Franklin J. L. Bachert's grandfather.

24 December, 1834, for £284 "Philip Bachert and Barbara his wife of Manheim township Schuylkill County late Barbara Kantner and Daughter of the late John Kantner of Manheim township Said County deceased," release and deed, to Benjamin Becker, George Heiser and John Bower all of the said Manheim township, the messuage and plantation, 126 acres, 134 perches, in said Manheim now in the possession of the said Becker, Heiser and Bowers, bounded by land of the Poor House Farm, John Featherman, Jacob Reber, John Emrick, and the Schuylkill River. The deed recounts that the Court of Common Pleas had divided the real estate of the late John Kantner into two shares, 22 and 23 July, 1834, "and the one thereof was adjudged unto John Kantner and the other thereof unto John N. Kantner."--Pottsville, Schuylkill County, Pennsylvania, Recorder's Office, Deed Book 14, page 462. Copied by Frank Allaben.

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31 May, 1858, "Philip Bachert of North Manheim Township, Schuylkill County and State of Pennsylvania and Esther his wife" for $1900 sold to Harrison Moyer of West Haven, same township, three adjoining tracts, with buildings, in South Manheim Township, one bounded by land of John Deibert, Frederick Fried, late of John Wiltrout, and late of Jacob Dewald, 66 acres, which, 30 March, 1833, Daniel Berger sold to the said Philip Bachert; the second tract, bounded by land late of Samuel Stein, 90 perches, purchased by the said Philip Bachert 8 September, 1841; and the third tract, bounded by said Bachert's other land, and land late of Daniel Deibert and late of Samuel Stein, 8 acres, 23 perches.--Pottsville, Schuylkill County, Pennsylvania, Recorder's Office, Deed Book 56, page 531. Copied by Frank Allaben.

The abstracts following, also obtained at the County seat of Schuylkill County, evidently refer to Michael Bachert, Mr. Franklin J. L. Bachert's father.

3 April, 1847, "Michael Bachert of Township of North Manheim in the County of Schuylkill and State of Pennsylvania Boathbilder," gives mortgage deed to secure payment to Charles Long for a lot, part of Lot No. 117, in Schuylkill Havin (the borough of), in said County, sold by said Long to said Michael Bachert 3 April, 1847. Endorsed: 11 January, 1858, Daniel Old, guardian of children of Charles Long, "alleges that the said Mortgagee lately died in the State of Illinois; and acknowledges satisfaction from" Wendall Schwarts the purchaser at Sheriff's sale of the premises described.--Pottsville, Schuylkill County, Pennsylvania, Recorder's Office, Mortgage Book H, pages 91-2. Copied by Frank Allaben.

24 April, 1847, "I Michael Bachert inter-married with Lydia Rishel one of the Daughters of Jacob Rishel late of Brunswick Township deceased have this day***received*** from John Schall Esqr Guardian of the said Lydia," $140.65 1/2, "being the share or full portion due the said Lydia."--Pottsville, Schuylkill County, Pennsylvania, Recorder's Office, Miscellaneous Book 6, page 308. Copied by Frank Allaben.

I presume that the Nicholas Bachert, to whom the two following abstracts obtained at Pottsville, refer, is Mr. Franklin J. L. Bachert's uncle, Nicholas, who is still living.

7 November, 1856, "Nicholas Bachert and Peter Hering both of Pingrove Township in the County of Schuylkill and State of Pennsylvania Grist Millers" give mortgage deed for $6871.78 of 245 acres, "Grist Mill, said Mill Plantation," &c. in said township on Swatara Creek, bo't, 19 May, 1856 from David Greenawalt and John George.--Pottsville, Schuylkill County, pennsylvania, Recorder's Office, Mortgage Book M, pages 517-19. Copied by Frank Allaben.

17 December, 1856, "Nicholas Bachert and Sarah his wife and Peter Hering and Barbara his wife, all of Pine Grove Township in the County of Schuylkill" sell to William Zerbe of the same a small part of their joint purchase from David Greenawalt and John George. Signed, "N Bachert"---Pottsville, Schuylkill County, pennsylvania, Recorder's Office, Deed Book 56, pages 71-3. Copied by Frank Allaben.

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I do not know to whom the following abstract, obtained at Pottsville, refers, but I give it here, as the location is South Manheim Township. Mr. Franklin J. L. Bachert's father was at one time in North Manheim Township.

6 March, 1863, Elizabeth Hassinger of South Manheim Township, Schuylkill County, grants her interest in 129 acres in the said Township to "Mary Bacher Wife of Charles Bacher of South Manheim Township."---Pottsville, Schuylkill County, Pennsylvania, Recorder's Office, Miscellaneous Book 9, page 285. Copied by Frank Allaben.

The documents which follow refer to your own grandfather and great-grandfather at the time of the settlement of the latter's estate, and explain themselves. As you will see, they confirm and add to the information which you have obtained concerning your great aunts and great uncles.

17 February, 1868, Letters of Administration granted "To William Bachert, a son of Michael Bachert, late of West Penn, in said County, deceased."---Pottsville, Schuylkill County, Pennsylvania, Office of the Register of Wills, Letters of Administration, Book 7, page 398. Copied by Frank Allaben.

18 June, 1868, "The petition of William Bachert, a son of Michael Bachert, late of the township of West Penn in the said county deceased." He prays the Court to award an inquest to make partition of the real estate of the said deceased, declaring, "That the said Michael Bachert died on or about the thirtieth day of January, A. D., 1868, intestate, seized in his demesne as of fee of and in a certain messuage and tract of land situate in said township of West Penn, bounded by lands of David Zehner, Gideon Shoemaker, Reuben Billman, Peter Seiberling and others and containing two hundred and eighty five acres, and eighty perches with the appurtenances and leaving to survive him six children, to wit, Mary the wife of John Snyder, William the Petitioner, Rebecca the wife of Daniel Fenstermacher, Elizabeth the wife of Moses Stubblebine, Catherine the wife of Jacob Sellers and Jonathan, and six grandchildren, to wit, Rebecca the wife of William Cooper, Isaac, Christian, Daniel, Mary who is the wife of William Keene, and John all of whom are of full age, and are children and heirs of Salome Flexer, deceased, who was a daughter of the said Michael Bachert, deceased." The Court having granted the inquest prayed for, 22 June, 1868, the said inquest was held, 15 August, 1868, "at 10 o'clock in the forenoon" "at the late residence of the said Michael Bachert, dec'd in West penn township Schuylkill County," the twelve jurors finding "that the said lands and tenements could not be parted and divided without prejudice to or spoiling the whole thereof, whereupon **** they **** did value and appraise the same at the sum of Three Thousand Seven hundred and ninety seven dollars and fifteen cents." The Court fixed November 16, 1868, as a date when the heirs should appear to accept or refuse the real estate at the valuation of the inquest, or show cause why the same should not be sold.

A deposition of George C. Wynkoop declares said order of the Court was published three times in the Pottsville Standard and Jefferson Democrat, newspapers of Schuylkill County, and that notices had been served "personally on Mary Snyder, William Bachert, Mary Keene, Catherine Sellers and Rebecca Cooper, respectively, all on the 16th day of October, 1868, and served on Daniel Flexer by leaving a copy **** at

his dwelling house with an adult member of his family, October 16, 1868, **** and mailed October 19, 1868 a Copy of both Newspapers aforesaid, together with a copy of the within Rule to the following named persons, to wit:Rebecca Fenstermacher, New Tripoli, Lehigh County, Penn[a], Elizabeth Stubblebine, Bridsboro, Berks County, Penn[a], Jonathan Bachert, Dexter P. O., Michigan, Isaac Flexer, Fetherolfsville, Berks County, Penn[a], Christian Flexer, Copper Falls Mine, Michigan, John Flexer, Weissport, Lehigh County, Penn[a]*****"

On the day set, 16 November, 1868, "William Bachert, the eldest son of the said deceased appeared in Open Court, and offered to take and accept said Real Estate at the valuation returned as aforesaid." Five other heirs present having offered to advance the price for the same to $5,000, and to take the same at this valuation, "the said William Bachert" offered to accept the said Real Estate "for the same to wit: the sum of Five Thousand Dollars," and no further advance being offered, "The Court do allot and order the said Real Estate to the said William Bachert at the said sum of Five Thousand Dollars, he paying to the other parties interested in one year their proportionable part of the said sum at which the same is allotted and Ordered him as aforesaid, with interest."---Pottsville, Schuylkill County, Pennsylvania, Office of Register of Wills, Orphans' Court Docket, Book No. 12, pages 482-91. Copied by Frank Allaben.

As you will see from the above documents, your grandfather, William, inherited his farm in West Penn Township from your great-grandfather, Michael. The document following shows that this farm was obtained from the State of Pennsylvania by warrant by your great-grandfather, Michael, in 1817, and that the patent was actually issued to your grandfather, William, as late as 1870.

(L. S.) THE COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA.

KNOW YE, That in consideration of the money paid by MICHAEL BAUCHERT at the granting of the warrant hereinafter mentioned and of the sum of fifty nine dollars, and fifty one cents, in full of arrearages and fees now paid by WILLIAM BOCHERT, into the Treasury Office of this Commonwealth, there is granted by the said Commonwealth, unto the said WILLIAM BOCHERT a certain tract of land situate in West Penn Township, SCHUYLKILL County, BEGINNING at a pine, thence by land of JOHN HEEMAN Jun'r south seventy four and one half degrees east three hundred and ninety two perches to a stone, thence by land of PETER ZEHNA, north fourteen degrees west twenty three perche to a stone, thence north seventy seven degrees east ninety three perches to a stone, thence by land of GEORGE SHELLHAMMER north fourteen degrees west six and one half perches to a corner, thence by land of NICHOLAS WHERE south seventy six degrees west thirty two perches to a stone, thence north twelve degrees west forty perches to a corner, thence by land of JACOB HAUSER south seventy degrees west one hundred and two perches to a stone, thence north thirteen and one half degrees west one hundred and ninety three and one fourth perches to a stone, thence north eighty two and one half degrees east one hundred and three perches to a corner, thence north fourteen and one half degrees west forty nine perches to a stone, thence north seventy nine degrees east seventy one and one half perches to a stone and pine, thence by land of JOHN SCHNYDER (formerly SHELLHAMMER) north thirty degrees west seventy two perches to a stone, thence by land of FREDERICK LAUDER north thirty four degrees west forty four perches to a corner, thence south sixty one degrees west seventy six perches to a pine, thence north twenty seven degrees west eighteen perches to a corner,

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thence by land of JACOB LANGENAKER south twenty two degrees west two hundred and thirty eight perches to a post, thence north eighty degrees west nineteen perches to a stone, thence south twenty five degrees west seventy two perches to a stone, thence north fifty five degrees west thirty one perches to a spruce, thence by land of DAVID ZEHNER south three degrees east forty four perches to a stone, and thence north seventy nine degrees west one hundred and forty five & one half perches to the BEGINNING- CONTAINING Two hundred and eighty five acres, eighty perches & allowance WHICH SAID TRACT was surveyed in pursuance of a warrant dated the ninth day of July A. D. 1817, granted to the said MICHAEL BAUCHERT whose right in and to the same has since become vested in the said WILLIAM BOCHERT

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD, The said Tract or Parcel of Land, with the appurtenances, unto the said WILLIAM BOCHERT and his heirs, to the use of him the said WILLIAM BOCHERT his heirs and assigns forever.
FREE AND CLEAR of all Restrictions and Reservations, as to Mines, Royalties, Quit-rents or otherwise, excepting and reserving only the fifth part of all Gold and Silver Ore for the use of the Commonwealth, to be delivered at the Pit's Mouth, clear of all charges.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, JOHN W. GEARY Governor of the said Commonwealth, hath hereunto set his Hand and the Seal of the office of the Surveyor General of Pennsylvania hath been hereunto affixed, the first day of April in the year of our LORD one thousand eight hundred and seventy and of the Commonwealth the ninety fourth.

ATTEST: J. M. CAMPBELL
Surveyor General.

IN TESTIMONY, that the within is a copy of a Patent as recorded in Patent Book H, Volume 64, page 582, remaining in the Department of Internal Affairs of Pennsylvania, I have hereunto set my Hand and caused the Seal of said Department to be affixed, at Harrisburg, this eighth day of March, A. D. 1910.

(L. S.) Henry Houck.

Compared by:
J. C. Kirk
R. C. De Wald

The following extracts from the History of Schuylkill County, referring to your father and uncle, respectively, are, of course, familiar to you, but we include them here for convenience of reference.

"BACHERT, William M., of Rush township, born in West Penn, March 10, 1837, and married Susan Masserschmidt of Rush township. He is Superintendent of Weldy's "S" mill, and is also engaged in farming. Came to Rush township in 1867, and was a teacher for five years. Engaged in powder-making in 1861, and continued the business for eleven years. In 1862 was elected Justice of the Peace, and appointed school director, which office he filled the following fifteen years. He is still director at present time (1880). Has been treasurer of the School Board from 1873 to 1878, and county tax-collector in 1863, 1864, 1865, 1869. He was also auditor of Rush about three years."-- History of Schuylkill County, Pennsylvania, W. W. Munsell & Co., N. Y., 1881, page 32.

"BACHERT, Joseph M., of Rush township, born December 11, 1843 in Schuylkill township, and married Catharine Holderman, of Tamaqua. He was formerly a farmer, but now is foreman of Weldy's tunnel mill. Came to Rush township in 1872, and on May 10, was appointed foreman of the Powder Works. Enlisted in 1863; discharged in October, 1865."---History of Schuylkill County, Pennsylvania, W. W. Munsell & Co., N. Y., 1881, page 32.

Of the two abstracts following, the first one, obtained at Pottsville, no doubt refers to Mr. William A. Baucner's grandfather, Jacob; it may be that soon after the sale here indicated he made his removal to what is now Columbia or Montour County. As the second of these extracts refers to a Mexican War soldier who enrolled at Danville, we insert it here. Can Mr. William A. Baucher place this soldier in his branch of the family?

21 March, 1814, "Jacob Baucher of West Penn Township in the County of Schuylkill," Pennsylvania, sells to Leonard Hartranft of Douglas Township, Montgomery County, for $600, 74 acres, 97 1/2 perches of land in West Penn Township, bought by said Baucher 1 April, 1810, from John Moyer, said tract being bounded by lands of Henry Boyer, Michael Miller, and John Bear.---Pottsville, Schuylkill County, Pennsylvania, Recorder's Office, Deed Book 2, Paper 184-6. Copied by Frank Allaben.

"Mexican War- 1846-47.
"Baugheart, Wm., Private, Co. C, 2nd Reg.; enrolled Dec. 26, 1846 at Danville by Capt. Wilson; mustered in Jan. 2, 1847 at Pittsburg by Lt. H. B. Fields; died in Hospital Perote July 11, 1847."---Pennsylvania Archives, 6th Series, Volume 10, page 259

The following abstract, obtained at Pottsville, may or may not refer to either the second or third Nicholas in Mr. Franklin J. L. Bachert's branch of the family. The name is, of course, spelled Burgard, but this, of itself, proves little. As you will see, the name of Nicholas, the revolutionary soldier, the common ancestor of you all, was spelled Pughart as late as 1790 at the taking of the first United States Census.

18 Sept., 1865, Letters of Administration granted "To Elizabeth Burgard the widow of Nickolas Burgard, late of Minersville, Schuylkill County, deceased."--Pottsville, Schuylkill County, Pennsylvania, Office Register of Wills, Letters of Administration, Book 7, page 125. Copied by Frank Allaben.

We now come to the crucial point, the history and ancestry of Nicholas Bachert, the Revolutionary soldier, who was the great-great grandfather of yourself and Mr. Franklin J. L. Bachert, and the great-grandfather of Mr. William A. Baucher.

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West Penn Township, now in Schuylkill County, was, previously to the organization of Schuylkill County, a part of Northampton County. Northampton County was organized out of a part of Bucks County in 1752. In the early records of Northampton County the township is called Penn Township and not West Penn, and it included the present Rush Township in Schuylkill County.

We find your ancestor, Nicholas Bachert, in Penn Township, Northampton County, from Revolutionary times down to the year 1800. We also find as his contemporaries in Penn Township two other Bacherts, Solomon and Jacob. The inference is that these three men were relatives, perhaps brothers. Of these three, Solomon was, undoubtedly, the eldest. We mention these facts in a preliminary way, because it will be convenient to trace the records of these three men in Penn Township simultaneously. Solomon Bachert was taxed in Penn Township, Northampton County, as early as 1772, as the following record shows, the names of Nicholas and Jacob not then appearing in the assessment of the Township.

Penn Township.
Bacherd, Solomon, lab'r. .....12.0--Pennsylvania Archives, 3rd Series, Volume 19, page 77; Northampton County, Proprietory Tax, 1772.

The document following is the abstract of the muster roll of a military company with part of the names given. The date is 1778. Solomon Bachert appears as one of the soldiers. The other names in the company, some of which we give as means of identification, show that these men, some, at least, of them, were living in Penn Township. You will notice among these names, two Shellhammers, and Leonard Zimmerman, the latter, no doubt, the Zimmerman referred to in a transaction between him and Mr. William A. Baucher's grandfather.

In this military roster of 1778 you will notice that the names of Jacob and Nicholas do not appear.

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Page 226:
"A General Muster Roll of the Third Battalion of Northampton County Militia, 1778 ****

"Colonel.
"Michael Probst."

2nd Co., pages 228-230:
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"Second Company.
"Captain.
"William Mayer.
"Lieutenants.
"1st. Theobald Coons."

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"Court Martial Men.
"**** Adam Zenner.
****
"First Class.
"George Crosle ****
" **********Frederick Schober."

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"Sixth Class.
"**** Henry Miller.
****
"Seventh Class.
"**** Solomon Bachard.
Simon Schelhammer.
****
"Eighth Class.
****
"George Shelhamer Leonard Simmerman."---Pennsylvania Archives, Fifth Series, Volume 8, "Third Battalion," Northampton Militia, pages 226-229.

The following is part of a muster roll of another Northampton company, and includes the name of Jacob Bachert. The date is 1778, the same year as the preceding record. At present we have no means of knowing whether or not this Jacob is the man of the same name who soon after appears in Penn Township with Solomon and Nicholas Bachert.

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[Page 304:]
"A General Muster Roll of the Fourth Battalion of Northampton County Militia. May 14th, 1778."
Page 316:

"Eighth Company.
"Captain.
"Paul Fleck.
****
"Court Martial Men.
" **** Jacob Bochart."--- Pennsylvania Archives, Fifth Series, Volume 8, Fourth Battalion, Northampton Militia, 1778, pages 304-317.

In the military rosters following we find again Captain William Moyers, Second Company, as it was organized in 1780. You will see from the recurrence of the Penn Township names that it is the same company in which Solomon Bachert appeared in 1778. He does not appear in 1780, but Jacob Bachert does appear. As it was cumtomary to include in these companies the names of all the male residents in a district between the ages of eighteen and fifty-three, it is quite possible that the appearance of Solomon Bachert's name in the roster of 1778 and its omission from all rosters from 1780 onwards, indicates that he had reached the age of fifty-three years some time between the years of 1778 and 1780.

Unless the Jacob Bachert of the preceding document, dated 1778, was the same man as the Jacob Bachert of Penn Township in the document immediately following, dated 1780, this is the earliest certain reference that we find to this Jacob who was in Penn Township contemporaneously with Solomon and Nicholas Bachert.

[Page 442:]
"A General Class Roll of the Sixth Battalion of Northampton County Militia, Commanded By L't Col'l Henry Giger, October y'e 26th 1780.
[Pages 444-445]

"2nd Company.
"Cap't.
"Wm Moyer.
****
"1st Class.
"Geo. Crossly. Dewalt Coons.
Fred'ck Shober.
"2d Class.
" **** Jacob Shallhamer.
****
"Adam Zaner.
****

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"6th Class.
" **** Henry Miller.
****
"7th Class.
" **** Jacob Backard.
"Simon Shellhamer.
"8th Class.
"Geo. Shallhamer.
****
"Leonhard Zimerman."---Pennsylvania Archives, Fifth Series, Volume 8, pages 442-445.

The document following shows that your ancestor, Nicholas Bachert, was a member of this Penn Township military company in September, 1781. This is the first appearance of his name there.

[Page 476:]
"At a Court of Appeal Held for the 1st Class 6th Battalion of Northampton County Militia This 13th Day of Sept'r 1781."
[Page 477:]
"1st Class 2nd Com'y. Marched
"Capt. Meyer, marched.
"George Grosslie, marched.
"Frederick Shover, marched.
"Jacob Howser, marched.
"Nicholas Bachert, marched.
"Conrad Bab, marched."
[Page 478:]
"This Certifies that we the subscribers Judges of the above Appeal have adjusted the above return as Witness our hands this 13th day of Sept'r 1781.
"Peter Meyer,
"Fredrick Seichler."---Pennsylvania Archives, Fifth series, Volume 8, pages 476-478.

In the document following, which gives the roster of the same company, July 1, 1782, we find the name of Jacob Bachert. As all the names of the members of the first class of this company, to which Nicholas Bachert belonged, are omitted from this roster, we cannot tell whether or not he was a member of the company at that time.

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"A General Class Roll of the 6th Battalion Militia of North'n County Commanded by Col. Henry Geiger and Major Frederick Sagler, 1782."
[Pages 504-5:]

"2D Company.
"Capt.
"Wm. Moyer.
*****
"Corpl.
"Jacob Hauser. Jacob Shober.
"1st Class.
[No names given]
*****
"6th Class.
"Henry Miller ****
"7th Class.
" ***** Jacob Bachard.
*****
"8th Class.
" ***** Leonhard Zimerman."

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"I do certify the within to be a true Class roll of the Battalion under my command. pr
"Henry Geiger, Lt. Col.
"July 1st, 1782."---Pennsylvania Archives, Fifth Series, 6th Battalion, Northampton Militia, 1782, pages 502-516.

The following document shows us the same military company with a different captain, as it was constituted in April, 1785. It contains the names of all the malesin Benn Township (a copyist's error for Penn), between the ages of eighteen and fifty-three. Here we find both Nicholas and Jacob Bachert. The omission of Solomon's name, although we know from the tax list of the same year that he was a resident in that district, seems to be a positive proof that Solomon was above the age of fifty-three.

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"Clas Role of Captin Cristian Bowman's Compina Made the 30 Day of April One Thousand Seven Hundred and Eighty Five in the County of Northampton Been [sic] Township as Follis from the Age of Fifty Three and Eighteen.

"Captain.
"Christian Bowman.
"Lieut.
"Lenord Zimmarman ****
"Sargina.
"Peter Zanor ****
"2d Class.
"****Nicolas Bockard ****
"4th Class.
"****Micael Millor **** George Crosby ****
"5th Class
"****Johannes Millor ****
"6th Class.
"John Millor ****
"7th Class.
"Jacob Bochard ****
"8th Class.
"**** Simon Shelhammer ****

"Shwoen before me the 11 Day of May 1785.
"Michl. Bobst Lt. Colo.
"Christian Bowman Capt."---Pennsylvania Archives, 6th Series, Volume 3, pages 890-2.

Before passing from the military records to the subsequent tax and Census records, we give two general references to the names of Nicholas and Jacob Bachert, showing that they were Revolutionary soldiers in Northampton County. You will notice that the name of your ancestor, Nicholas, was variously spelled Bocher, Basher, and Baker, in addition to the variations in the documents already considered.

Under "Continental Line Soldiers of the Revolution, Northampton County:" [Page 644:]
"Bacher, Nicholas, private.
"Bachert, Jacob, private.
****
"Baker, Nicholas, private."---Pennsylvania Archives, Fifth Series, Volume 4, Page 644.

Rangers on the Frontiers, 1778-1783, Northampton Co. Pa.
Jacob Bachert.
John Braucher.
Jacob Braucher.
Nicholas Basher.---Pennsylvania Archives, Third Series, Volume 22, pages 294, 296.

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The following extracts show that Solomon, Nicholas, and Jacob were all three taxed in Penn Township, Northampton County, in the years 1785, 1786, and 1787.

Federal Tax, 1785, Penn Twp.

Bachard, Solomon, 150 a, 2 h, 2 c, **** 12.0
Bachard, Jacob **** 1 c, **** 3.0
Bachard, Nicholas 30 a, 2 h, 1 c, **** 3.6---Proprietary Tax for Northampton County, Pennsylvania, from 1772-1787, Pennsylvania Archives, Third Series, Volume 19, page 164.

Penn Township, 1786.

	acres-	horses-	cattle-	Tax
Bachert, Jacob	-	-	1 -	£3.
Bachert, Solomon	150 -	2 -	2 -	12.0
Bacher, Nicholas	30 -	1 -	1	3.6---Proprietary Tax for Northampton County, Pennsylvania, from 1772-1787, Pennsylvania Archives, Third Series, Volume 19, page 258.

Penn Township Tax in 1787.
Northampton County.

	acres-	horses-	cattle-	Tax
Bachert, Solomon	150	2	1	10.6
Bachert, Jacob **********				2.8
Bachert, Nicholas	50 **********			2.8---Pennsylvania Archives, Third series, Volume 19, page 342.

In examining the first United States Census of the state of Pennsylvania in 1790, we were astonished to find in the complete index of the book no reference whatever to Solomon, Nicholas, or Jacob Bachert, in any conceivable spelling of the name, but, in turning to Penn Township, Northampton County, we find there three men listed under the peculiar spellings of Pughart and Pughard. The items are as follows:

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Under Northampton County, Penn Township.
Pughard, Solomon, 2 males over 16, 1 male under 16, 3 females in family.
****
Pughart, Nicholas, 1 male above 16, 1 female in family.
Pughard, Jacob, 1 male 3 females in family.--Heads of Families at the First Census of the United States. Taken in the Year 1790: Pennsylvania. Washington, Government Printing Office, 1908, Page 178.

In this census of 1790 there also appear in Penn Township the following significant names which will be recognized as connected with the family, or as having appeared in some of the West Penn military rosters given above. George Crosley, George Shelhamer, Michel Miller, Jacob Houser, Simon Shelhamer, Abraham Shelhamer, Barnet Howser, Henry Houser, William Mayer, Martin Rishel.

We next come to the Census of 1800. The abstract of the Bachert names, as sent you by Mr. Neifert, is as follows:

"Did I tell you I was in Washington in Dec.? Examined early Census manuscripts 1800 to 1850. **** Found in 1800. R---- (?) [Rush] was a portion of Penn twp. **** I find enumerated John Neifert & Thomas Lindner. Also the following which may be of interest to you:-

Solomon Bachert- 46 or over. 1
" " Jr. under 26 1 male 1 female.
Nicholas Bachert - males under 10 - 1
" " 26 - 3
" over 46 - 1
females under 10- 4
" under 26- 1
" over 46- 1"---Notes taken from letter of W. W. Neifert, Hartford, Connecticut, sent to A. E. Bachert, dated 27 January, 1910.

Before discussing the deductions from these Census returns, we will add one or two other documents which may throw light upon the matter.

The two items following, obtained at Easton, the County seat of Northampton County, may possibly refer to the Jacob Bachert who resided in Penn Township as late as 1790, according to the Census of that year, but who does not appear in the Census of 1800. Presumably he removed from Penn Township between those dates. The two abstracts following show that he obtained land elsewhere in 1792 and 1803, tracts which he sold in 1806. Maccungy Township, Northampton County, is two townships southwest of Lynn Township.

12 Sept., 1806. "Jacob Bachert of Maccungy township in the County of Northampton **** yeoman and Maria Barbara his wife" for £1505 sell to Jacob Woodring 154 acres in Whitehall township, Northampton Co., said tract purchased by "the said Jacob Bachert," 18 March 1803, from George Hoffman.---Register of Deeds' Office, Easton, Northampton County, Pennsylvania, Deed Book, Volume C, 3, pages 249-50. Copied by Frank Allaben.

16 Sept., 1806. "Jacob Bachert of Maccungie in the county of Northampton **** yeoman and Maria Barbara his wife" for $4000 sell to Jacob Woodring 100 acres, being part of a tract bought by "the said Jacob Bachert," 18 March, 1803, from George Hoffman, and part of a tract purchased by "the said Jacob Bachert," 5 April, 1792, from John Kregloh.---Register of Deeds' Office, Easton, Northampton County, Pennsylvania, Deed Book C, 3, pages 250-1. Copied by Frank Allaben.

Before passing on to the question of the parentage of Nicholas Bachert, it will be well to note that the foregoing are all the documentary references to him which we have found. Mr. William A. Baucher states that his great-grandfather, who would be Nicholas Bachert, the Revolutionary soldier, died and was buried near Danville, in Columbia, now Montour County. Mr. Franklin J. L. Bachert's uncle, Nicholas, also states that his grandfather, Nicholas the Revolutionary soldier, died and was buried near Danville, and adds that he has seen the grave. While I was, at first, sceptical as to these statements, I now have no question as to their accuracy.

The careful research which I made at Pottsville, Schuylkill County, discloses no will, nor intestate records, deeds, mortgages, partition of estate proceedings, or anything of that kind, referring to Nicholas Bachert, the Revolutionary soldier. This would be explained if, some time after 1800, and possibly a little after 1810, he had turned over his real estate in West Penn Township to one of his sons, or sold it to someone else, and then removed with his younger children to Columbia County.

We discovered that the difficult character of this research, and the wide range of investigation involved, would not permit us to spend too much time or money upon unessential details under the appropriation which we had arranged for with you. We felt that you would expect us to direct our energy to obtaining the original

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documents back of Nicholas Bachert that would solve the problem of his ancestry. Therefore we have not visited Columbia or Montour Counties, although we do not doubt that a research there would prove that Nicholas Bachert, your great-great-grandfather, with some members of his family, removed to that country soon after his name disappears from the records of West Penn Township, Schuylkill County.

It is true that Mr. Franklin J. L. Bachert's uncle, Nicholas, states that the whole family came originally from Columbia County into Schuylkill. This part of his account is a mistake easily accounted for. He knew that he, himself, was born in Columbia County, and that he accompanied his parents to Schuylkill County. This would make it seem to him as if the family had been first in Columbia County. But he, himself, states that when he accompanied his father, Philip, to Schuylkill County, they found his grandfather, Nicholas Bachert, living in West Penn Township. We also know that his grandfather's brother, Michael, your great-grandfather, remained in West Penn Township. As we have shown, the Revolutionary records, and early tax lists, and Census records prove that the Revolutionary Nicholas and his family were first in Schuylkill County, and we know that some of his children and grandchildren soon after were in Columbia County, from which some of them returned into Schuylkill, while others visited their Bachert relatives in West Penn Township, Schuylkill. Thus, if Nicholas, the Revolutionary soldier, himself removed to Columbia County late in life, and was accompanied or followed there by some of his children and grandchildren, this fact would explain all the testimony which you have gathered, and would be perfectly consistent with all the documentary evidence which we have obtained.

The following important document and translation, or paraphrased translation of the will of Solomon Bachert of Penn Township, was obtained at Easton, Pennsylvania. It was written in German and I obtained the original will from the files and had an ex-official, who is, I was told, competent in this old German, take the original and dictate a translation of it to me. What follows is given exactly as he dictated it.

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Last Will & Testament of Solomon Bachert, Dscd. In the Name of God Amen. I, Solomon Bachert, an inhabitant of Penn Township, in the County of Northampton and State of Pennsylvania. After I consider the uncertainty of this life, and the decline of the powers of my body, but at the same time, by a wise Providence, of sound memory and understanding, so I have hereby, in virtue of this my Last Will and Testament, publicly and solomnly ordered and published

First, My never-dying soul I give unto the hands of my Creator, from Whom she had her being, My body I order shall be buried according to present Christian usages, which shall be done by my heirs.

Second, What belongs to my Earthly possessions, of which God has blessed me, I order and Constitute herewith, that immediately after my decease such possessions I may be blessed with, may be real estate property, likewise my personal property, shall be lawfully appraised, and be sold at auction to the highest purchaser.

Third, Out of my personal property, and money on hand, I order and direct that all my lawful debts shall be paid, as well as the cost of my funeral expenses.

Fourth, I bequeath and devise from my estate to both of my two sons, to wit, George Bachert, and Solomon, my youngest son, each one cow, or the value thereof. The remainder of my children, who received no cow in my life time shall receive either a cow or the value thereof.

Fifth, Out of the money from the sale of my personal as well as my real estate, I order that, after the above bequests and the debts have been paid, that the proceeds shall be divided among my heirs and children, share and share alike.

Sixthly and lastly I constitute herewith Peter Zehner and Jacob Bachert, both of the above-mentioned Penn Township, my only Executors of this my last Will and Testament, and revoke herewith all former Wills and Testaments by me made. I will not acknowledge or sanction anything before made by me in the shape of a Will. In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal. So done this twelfth day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and three.

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Solomon + Bachert
mark

Signed, Sealed, and Published and by the above named Solomon Bachert acknowledged as his last Will and Testament in our presence, in witness whereof we have set our hands and seals, and in the presence of one another and the testator.
Abraham Shellhammer, Jacob Hauser.

Codicil. I, Solomon Bachert, citizen of Penn Township in the County of Northampton in the State of Pennsylvania, order and publish this, twelfth day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and three the present Codicil to my last Will and Testament in the following manner.

Namely, To Wit. The Share of my second daughter, Elizabeth, the wife of Wilhelm Wannamacher, deceased, and residing in Penn Township, I order and direct herewith that she, during her life time, shall receive the interest; the principal shall come to her children. In Witness thereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal on the date above mentioned.

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The same witnesses.
probated 2 Dec. 1807.

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The above will throws a light upon the Bachert returns in the Census records of 1790 and 1800. The Solomon, Junior, of the Census of 1800, is, of course, the youngest son, Solomon, mentioned in the above will of Solomon, Senior. The will of Solomon, Senior, mentions no other son, except his older son, George. No records that we have obtained at Easton, Pottsville, or elsewhere, give any reference to this George, son of Solomon, so far as we know. He may have removed from home at an early age and have located outside of both Schuylkill and Northampton Counties. At any rate, the will proves that Solomon had such a son.

If you will refer to the Census of 1790, you will see that, according to that, Solomon, Senior, had in his family two males above sixteen years of age, presumably himself and his son, George; one male under sixteen years, undoubtedly his son, Solomon, who himself appears in the Census of 1800 as under twenty-six years of age; and with three females in his family, either the wife and two daughters of Solomon, Senior, or else three daughters. In the Census of 1800 Solomon, Senior, has no one but himself in his family. His wife was evidently dead and his daughters married or away from home. In his will he mentions one daughter, Elizabeth, as if he had other daughters, or, at least, one other daughter. Thus the will agrees perfectly with the statistics of the Census records of 1790 and 1800.

Solomon, Senior, in his will, names Jacob Bachert as one of his executors. Had this Jacob been a son, the relationship, would, no doubt, have been recognized in the will. Presumably it was the Jacob that we found associated with Solomon, Senior, together with Nicholas, in the various military rosters and Census records above given. It seems plain, from the above will, that neither Nicholas or Jacob were sons of Solomon, Senior. They might have been his nephews, or Solomon, Senior, might have been their brother, considerably older than they.

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In the Census record of 1790, Jacob Bachert, called Jacob Fughard, had only one male in his family, no doubt himself, and three females. Presumably he had two daughters, but nothing further is known of his family, except such deductions as may be made from this Census return.

Nicholas Bachert, called Pughart, in the Census of 1790, had, in that year, in his family, one male above sixteen years of age, himself, three males under sixteen years of age, presumably three sons, and three females, presumably his wife and two daughters.

In the Census of 1800, he had one male over forty-six years of age, himself, three males under twenty-six years of age, no doubt the three sons who were enumerated in the Census of 1790, and one male under ten years of age, a fourth son, born between 1790 and 1800. He also had in his family one female over forty-six years of age, presumably his wife, one female under twenty-six, and four females under ten, which last two items may indicate that in 1800 he had five daughters, as well as four sons, his wife then being also alive.

As Nicholas was over forty-six years of age in 1800, he could not have been born later than about 1754.

If our deductions concerning the age of Solomon Bachert, Junior, based upon the military rosters, are correct, then Solomon, Senior, must have been, at least, fifty-three years of age by 1785, which would make his birth not later than 1732. If he became fifty-three between the years of 1778 and 1780, then his birth would have been, at least, five years earlier, or not later than 1727.

Under these circumstances it seems probable that Solomon Bachert, Senior, if a relative of Nicholas and Jacob, who appear with him earlier in Penn Township, might have been their uncle rather than their brother. Who, then, was the father of Nicholas Bachert, the Revolutionary soldier? The three documents following, which I obtained at Easton, bring a new possibility before us.

Paper on File, endorsed on outside "Inventory of the Estate of Jacob Bacher deceased." And again: "Inventory & Appraisement of the Estate late of Jacob Bacher deced Exhibited 28th July 1775."

The inventory occupies three pages, the first beginning:

"A True Inventory and Appraisement of all the Goods Chattles Rights and Cretids, which were of the Estate of Jacob Bacher late of Lynn Township in the County of Northampton and in the province of Pennsylvania, deceased."

It is subscribed, on the third page:

"The above Inventory and Appraisement was Made and Appraissed by us the Subscribed Jacob Grinewalt and and Matthias Probst According to our best knowledge. Witness our Hands and Seals the 24th day of July 1775.

"Jacob Grinewalt (L. S.)
"Matthias Probst (L. S.)

"On the 28th July 1775 Jacob Greenewalt was duly sworn to the above appraisement."
---Easton, Northampton County, Pennsylvania, Office Register of Wills.

"Final Settlement of the Estate of Jacob Bacher Decd
Exhibited June 11th 1777." (Endorsement on back).

"Pt The account of Catharina Hollebach late Catharina Bacher administratrix of the Estate of Jacob Bacher Deceased as of all and Singular the goods, Chattels Rights and Credits which were of the Said Deceased at the time of his death and Which came into the hands and possession of the Said accompt as of her several payments & Disbursements made out of the Same as follows Vizt

"Impts The said Accomptant charges herselfe with all and Singular the goods Chattels Rights and Credits which were of the Said Deceased Specified and Contained in an Inventory and apraisement thereof Exhibites into and remaining in the Regts office and amounting to**£96-0-0

Item for which said goods sold for more at the Vendue than they were Valued at in the appraist **** 34:2:2

Item the Said accomptant Craves allowance for her Several payments and Disbursements out of the same Vizt

By Cash payd Lewis Gordon Esqr for Letters admn ****£0-18-9
By Dt pd Mathias Probst p. receipt ---- 0:16-0
by dto pd John Weise p.Do 0:15:0
by dto pd Jacob Grinewald p. Do 0:16:4
by dto pd Revd. Daniel Schumacher p. Do. 0:7:6
by dto pd Kilian Leidig p Do.--- 1:0:0
by dto pd Mathias Probst --- p Do. 0:2:6
by dto pd Michael Stain-- p Do 3:0:3
by dto pd John Ritter-- p Dto 0-7-6
by dto pd J: Mich: Bachert- p Dto 2:5:0
by dto pd Jacob Neiffert- p Dto 0:2:6
by dto pd Peter Heck-p Dto 0:2:3
by Dto pd George Breiner- p Dto - 1:14:6
by dto pd Nicholas Bacher for an obligation of the deceased-30:0:30
by dto pd for settlement & copy-- 0-15-0
43:2:10

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By an Insolvent Debt of John Nothsten	0:18:7
by D° --- of Henry Dillikam	0 5 9
	1:4:4
by allowance to the accomp^t for re'ing £128-17-10 at 5-p c	6:8:10
by D° -- for paying ---£42-2-10 at 5 pct	2:3:2
by a Ballance in the hands of the accomp^t ---	77:3:0
£130:2:2	£130:2:2

Northampton County Pa.

On the Eleventh Day of June In the year of our Lord 1777 Before me John Arnett Esqr Reg^r for Said County Personally appeared the above named Catharina Hollebach Late Bacher and Being duly sworn on the Holy Evangelists did Declare & Say that the above is a true account of her administration of the estate of Said Jacob Bacher Deceased to the Best of her Knowledge & Belief.

John Arnett
Reg^r -----

Copied from Original Paper An Files of Settlement at Easton, Northampton County, Pennsylvania, Office Register of Wills, by Frank Allaben.

"At an Orphans'Court held at Easton in and for the County of Northampton the nineteenth day of March in the Year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and seventy-six Before George Taylor Robert Severs Henry Kooker Christopher Wagner Peter Kachlein and Jacob Mony Esq^rs Justices &c

"On the Petition of Nicholas Bacher next friend to Ann Mary Bacher daughter of Jacob Bacher late of Lynn Township Yeoman deceased Setting forth That the said Ann Mary Bacher is a Minor under the age of fourteen Years and has no Guardian to take care of her person and Estate Praying the Court to appoint some proper person as Guardian for the said Minor for the purpose aforesaid &c
Whereupon the Court do appoint Matthias Probst as Guardian of the said Ann Mary and he is so appointed accordingly."-----Easton, Northampton County, Pennsylvania, Office of the Orphans Court Clerk, Orphans Court Record, Volume D, page 243. Copied by Frank Allaben.

As soon as the above documents were obtained, the writer suspected that he had discovered the father of Nicholas Bachert, the Revolutionary soldier, in the person of the abovementioned Jacob Bacher, who died in 1775, being then a resident of Lynn Township, Northampton County. This Lynn Township became a part of Lehigh County when the latter County was set off from Northampton County in 1812, as the following items bear witness.

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Lehigh County, Pennsylvania, organized 6 March, 1812, out of Northampton County, consisting of "all that part of Northampton county **** within the limit of the **** townships of Lynn, Heidleburg, Lowhill, Weissenburg, Macungie, Upper Milford, South Whitehall, Northampton, Salisbury, Upper Saucon, and **** part of Hanover township."---Act of Erection, cited by Rupp, History of Northampton, Lehigh, &c., Counties, 1845, page 110.

Moreover, Lynn township adjoined and was bounded on the northwest by Penn Township, in the present Schuylkill County. Furthermore, a large part of the settlers of Penn Township, in Northampton, now Schuylkill County, went into that Township from Lynn Township in Northampton, now Lehigh County.

In the above account of the settlement of the estate of Jacob Bacher in 1777 by his wife, Catharina, who had meantime re-married a Hollebach, we find the following item:

"pd Nicholas Bacher for an obligation of the deceased **** £30."

Was this Nicholas Bacher, who received this large payment out of the estate, the son of Jacob, and either the son or stepson of Jacob's wife, Catharina?

It is probable that the "Nicholas Bacher next friend to Ann Mary Bacher daughter of Jacob Bacher," of the petition for a guardian for the said Ann Mary in 1776 was her brother or half-brother, our Revolutionary Nicholas.

Referring again to the settlement of the estate of Jacob Bacher, you will notice another item, the payment of £2-5 shillings to "J:Nich^{s} Bachert." It is my theory that this J. Nicholas Bachert is different from the Nicholas Bacher to whom thirty pounds was paid and who petitioned for a guardian for Ann Mary. I assume that this J. Nicholas Bachert was a relative and probably the brother of the Jacob Bacher, and thus the uncle of the latter's supposed son, Nicholas Bachert, the Revolutionary soldier.

You will recall the letter which you received in February, 1906, from Morton L. Montgomery, Esquire, of Reading, Pennsylvania, giving the results of his research made for you at Reading, which document you sent to us. In this document

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Mr. Montgomery tells of a will at Reading of John Nicholas Bacher made in 1784, and proved in 1785. He also states that this John Nicholas Bacher appears as a resident tax-payer in Albany Township, Berks County, from 1760 to 1785, the name frequently appearing as "Nicholas Bachert." Mr. Montgomery also states that in the assessment lists for the same Township of Albany, Berks County, he finds the name of Jacob Bachert from 1760 to 1775. I put Mr. Montgomery's letter in evidence here.

"February 28 1906.

"Mr. A. E. Bachert,
Robertsdale, Huntingdon Co. Pa.
Dear Sir,

I received your letter of 24th inst., enclosing your check for $10 in payment of services for examining our county records in relation to your genealogy.

In the Register's Office, I found the name of John Nicholas Bacher. He made a last will, dated June 10 1784, which was probated March 10 1785; showing that he died shortly before the last date. He left a widow, Christina; a son John (to whom he devised his farm of 160 acres subject to certain payments) and five daughters (Christina, Margaret, Clara, Susanna, and Elizabeth.) But I found no other similar name. In the Commissioner's Office, in the Assessment Lists, I traced the name of Nicholas Bachert as a resident tax payer in Albany township from 1760 to 1785. You will notice in the last will the name is Bacher but in the Assessment it is Bachert.

In the Assessment Lists, I traced the name of Jacob Bachert in the same township from 1760 to 1775.

I found a George Bacher at Reading in 1772; a Christian Backer in Richmond township in 1778; William, John and Jeremiah Backen in Maiden-creek tp in 1778; David Backer in Tulpehocken tp in 1778; and Valentine Bacher in Oley tp in 1778; and a Daniel Bauchert in Albany tp in 1791.

But I did not find any Michael Bachert or William Bachert.

I did not find the name in the townships out to Schuylkill County from 1760 until 1800; nor in the townships adjoining Albany and in that vicinity for 10 miles.

I looked for Bachert, Bochert, Bauchert, Bouchert.

I have sent for Daniel A. Bausher, of Hamburg, and if I get anything material from him I shall let you know.

If I can serve further in the matter I shall be pleased to do so. Kindly acknowledge receipt of this letter.

"Yours very truly,
"M. L. Montgomery."

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You will notice that, if Mr. Montgomery is correct, while John Nicholas Bacher, or Bachert, remained in Albany Township, Berks County, from 1760 to his death in 1785, Jacob Bachert, whom Mr. Montgomery found in the same Township, appeared in the tax list only from 1760 to 1775. 1775, the year in which his name disappears from the Albany Township, Berks County, tax list, is the very year in which we find a Jacob Bacher, deceased, in Lynn Township, Northampton County. I believe that the Jacob Bachert, of Albany Township, Berks County, 1760 to 1775, is the same man who died in Lynn Township, Northampton, now Lehigh County, in, or shortly before July, 1775, and that he was the father of our Revolutionary Nicholas, was probably the brother of John Nicholas of Albany Township, Berks County, and that the J. Nicholas Bachert, referred to in the account of the executrix of Jacob Bacher of Lynn Township, was the John Nicholas Bachert of Albany Township, Berks County.

Following up these clues, I personally made a research at Reading. The following documents give a more extended abstract of the will of John Nicholas Bachert of Albany Township, Berks County, than is to be found in Mr. Montgomery's letter.

Examined original will on file, signed "Johann Nicholas Bacher his mark," with which was filed an English translation, an abstract of which follows.

"I John Nicholas Bacher in Albany Township Berks County and State of Pennsylvania**** do make this my last Will and Testament **** I give and bequeath unto my Son John Bacher his Heirs or Assigns forever all my Plantation and Piece of Land which adjoineth to Land that belongeth to Nicholas Lampert Henry Zimmerman, Philip Gluck Frederick Herbster France Frey and Moses Frey and containing One hundred and Sixty Acres of Land," he paying £210, in yearly installments, "to my five Daughters (because the first Christina hath already received Twenty Pounds of me) Margaret **** to my third Daughter Clara **** to my fourth Daughter Susanna **** to my daughter Elizabeth**** to my aforesaid first Daughter Christina **** so shall my beloved Wife Christina carry on the Farming and Housekeeping with my Single Children ****my Single Daughters Margaret, Susanna, and Elizabeth **** my aforementioned Six Children my Wife Christina Executrix and my worthy Friend Georg Kunckel Executor****In witness I have set my Hand and Seal hereto the Tenth June in the Year of our Lord 1784." Signed, "John Nicholas Bacher his mark." "Christian Braucher "a witness. Codicil added 26 Jan. 1785. proved 10 March, 1785.---Reading, Berks County, Pennsylvania, Register of Wills' Office, Will of Johan Nicolaus Bacher recorded in German, Will Book A, page 111. Copied by Frank Allaben.

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"Register's office at Reading in Berks County March 10th 1785
"Letters Testamentary in Common form Under the Seal of the said office on the will and Codicil of John Nicholas Baucher late of Albany Township in Berks County Yeoman deceased were granted to Christina Bacher Executrix and George Kunckel Executor."---Reading, Berks County, Pennsylvania, Register of Wills' Office, Will Book 3, page 54. Copied by Frank Allaben.

The records of wills and intestates at Reading give nothing at all which could refer to the Jacob Bachert who appears in Albany Township, Berks County, from 1760 to 1775, according to Mr. Montgomery. This would be explained if that Jacob removed from Berks County before his death, and this adds another circumstance confirming our theory that the Jacob Bachert of Northampton County is the same man.

Our next step will be to give all the references to persons bearing the surname of Bachert, or its resemblances, who were residents of Albany Township, Berks County, from the earliest records accessible. The following documents give as complete a record as we have been able to compile from all the different published sources.

"Albany township **** was known for many years by the name of 'Allemeangel' **** In 1741, as it was then bounded, it contained thirty-seven taxables, and in 1758, it contained eighty-five taxables. The first settlers were Germans, as will appear from the following list of names, including those who resided therein prior to 1756.
"Valentine Brobst, Martin Brobst, **** Michael Brobst, **** Andreas Hogenbuch, John Miller, **** Jacob Bachert, Nicholas Bachert, Henry Zimmerman, **** Michael Hollenbach, **** Samuel Leydy, Christian Brancher, **** Daniel Paulscher, **** Solomon Bacher, Philip Shelhame, **** Jacob Hagenbach ****
"Its present boundary is as follows: On the north and west by the Blue mountain, owing to the singular configuration of the mountain; on the east by Lehigh county, and on the south by Greenwich township **** It is drained by Maiden creek, which flows through the southeastern part."---I. Daniel Rupp, "History of the Counties of Berks and Lebanon, 1844, pages 122-3.

"Albany township is the northernmost district in the county. Its eastern line forms part of the county line between Berks and Lehigh Counties, and its northern line part of the county line between Berks and Schuylkill Counties **** The first district in this upper section of the county embraced a large area of territory, including what is now Albany and Greenwich townships, altogether about forty-five thousand acres, and it was known for some years previous to 1752 by the name of 'Allemaengel,' which signifies all-wants, a country wanting in fertility of soil. About the time of, and probably immediately after, the erection of the county [1752] this large area was divided into two districts by a straight line run east and west through the central portion, the upper having been named Albany and the lower Greenwich **** Cornelius Frees took up a tract of land, containing two hundred acres, in 1743, which lay at the foot of the Blue Mountain, towards the western end of the township, in what is commonly called 'The Corner-' [Die Eck]. His neighbors then were Adam Frees, Andreas Hagenbough and Tobias Stapleton. When the land was taken up it was

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described as being on a branch of Maiden Creek, in Philadelphia County. But several years afterward this section was known as 'Allemaengel.' He erected a log building on this tract **** This was the first building erected in that distant locality **** This building occupied a dangerous position during the invasion by the Indians. It was occupied at times as a place of refuge by the settlers in that vicinity. A man named Schoner, it is said, was shot at the door; and a quarter of a mile away a man named Shisler and his wife were killed by the Indians.

"Taxables of 1759.- The following list comprises the taxable inhabitants of the township in 1759. Michael Brobst was the collector. The tax levied amounted to £31 6 s. 0 d.

"£			£
"Jacob Bacher	4	Michael Hollenbach	1
"Michael Brobst	14		
"Martin Brobst	14	John Miller	4
"Nicholas Bacher	6	Henry Zimmerman	2
"Valentine Brobst	10		
"Andreas Hagebach	7		

"Single Men.

"Jacob Hagenbach.

"Inmates.

"Solomon Bacher ---1

"Christopher Braucher ---½

"Daniel Graucher---1"---Morton L. Montgomery, "History of Berks County in Pennsylvania," Philadelphia, Everts, Peck & Richards, 1886, pages 1067-69.

"Henry Rutter," and "Samuel Laydy" also appear in the above list, among surnames found above, and in the account of Catharine Hollabach, alias Bacher, of Lynn Twp., Lehigh Co., 1777, executrix of Jacob Bacher.

1767.

"Albany Township.

	"Acres.	Horses.	Cattle.	Sheep.	Tax.
[Page 18:]					
"Bacher, Jacob	100	2	1	2	2
"Bacher, Nicholas	100	2	2	2	4
[Page 19:]					
"Bausher, Daniel	100	2	2	---	2
"Braucher, Christ'r		2	2	---	2--Pennsylvania

Archives, 3rd Series, Volume 18 [Tax Lists, Berks County, Pa.], pages 18-21.

[This list of 1767 also shows in Albany Township the familiar surnames: Broobst, Anna Eliza and Michael; Hagenbuch, Andreas, with 150 acres, Henry, and Jacob, the latter a single man; Kistler; Mayer; Miller, George, Mich'l, with 100 acres; Neyford, Jacob; Ritter; Shellhamer, Philip; and Zimmerman, John and Henry, the latter with 100 acres.]

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1768.
"Albany Township.

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	"Acres	Horses.	Cattle.	Sheep.	Tax
"Bachner, Jacob,	130	2	2	2	2
"Bachner, Nicholas	130	2	2	2	5
"Bouch, Daniel,	160	2	2	-----	2
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"Braucher, Stophel,	110	1	2	-----	2"---

Pennsylvania Archives, 3rd Series, Volume 18 [Tax Lists, Berks Co., Pa.], pages 98-100.

1779.
"Albany Township.

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	"Acres.	Negroes.	Horses.	Cattle.	Tax.
"Bacher, Nich's	100	-----	3	----	680
"Bausher, Dan'l	150	-----	4	----	616
"Brousher, Christian, Ju'r, cord'r,				1	10
"Brousher, Christoph'r,	200	-----	4	----	1,052
"Bouscher, Anth'y,				1	10
"Brousher, Christ'n,	200	-----	2	----	750
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"Single Freemen.

	Shillings.
"Jacob Bachart,	7
"Peter Baushar,	7 ---

Pennsylvania Archives, 3rd Series, Volume 18 [Tax Lists, Berks Co., Pa.], pages 186-88.

1780.
"Albany Township.

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	"Acres.	Negroes.	Horses.	Cattle.	Tax.
"Baker, Nich's	160		3	5	17.5.0
"Bowsher, Christ'n	285	----	4	4	34.0.0
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"Bowsher, Christian	220	----	3	3	26.5.0
"Bowsher, Chris'n, cordw'r		-----	-----	1	2.0.0
"Baker, Godlieb	132	-----	2	3	14.5.0
"Boutcher, Dan'l	150	------	3	3	19.17.6
"Boutcher, Anthony, cooper		----	-----	1	2. 0.0
"Baker, Jacob, bl'ksmith		------	------	1	2. 0.0
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"Single Freemen.	Amount of Tax.
"Philip Baucher	4.10.0---

Pennsylvania Archives, 3rd Series, Volume 18 [Tax Lists, Berks Co., Pa.], pages 314-17.

1781.
"Albany Township.

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	Acres.	Negroes.	Horses.	Cattle.	Tax.
"Brousher, Christ'n, cordw'r	------	-----	------	1	2.0
"Baker, Godlieb	132	------	2	3	14.5
"Boutcher, Dan'l	150	------	3	3	17.6
"Boutcher, Anthony, cooper				1	2.0
"Baker, Jno. [sic], bl'smith					2.0
"Baker, Nich's	160	-----	3	5	
"Brousher, Chris'n	285		4	4	
"Bousher, Chris'n	285		4	4	

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"Philip Bousher ----------"
---Pennsylvania Archives, 3rd Series, Volume 18 [Tax Lists, Berks Co., Pa.], pages 443-45.

1784.
"Albany Township.

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	"Acres.	Horses.	Cattle.	Sheep.
"Bacher, Nich's	160	2	3	3
"Brousher, Daniel	150	3	2	3
"Broucher, Christ'r	150	4	3	3
"Broucher, Chris'n	220	2	3	
"Berker, Godlieb	152	2	2	3
"Bousher, Anthony	9	----	2	----
"Bousher, Henry	12	----	1	----

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"Single Freemen.

	Amount of Tax.
"Philip Boucher	1.15.0"---

Pennsylvania Archives, Third Series, Volume 18 [Tax Lists, Berks Co., Pa.], pages 561-6

1785.
"Albany Township.

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	Amount of Tax.
"Bachert, Nich'l	1 .0.9
"Boushortz, Dan'l	1 .3.0
"Brousher, Christ'r	1.10.3
"Brousher, Christ'n	3. 0.9
"Baker, Godlieb	15.0
"Boutshert, Henry	4.0

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"Braucher, John	2.6

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"Single Men.

"Philip Boutshort	15.0
"Tobias Boutshort	10.0---

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It will be noticed that at least as early as 1756 we find "Jacob Bachert," "Nicholas Bachert," and "Solomon Bacher" together in the assessment list of Albany Township, Berks County,-- precisely the same names which we afterward find, from the period of the Revolution to 1800, side by side in Penn Township, Northampton County, and, no doubt, the Solomon of the two records was the same individual. Since he was assessed as early as 1756, our inferences as to his age, based upon the Revolutionary rosters, are confirmed. Evidently he was not the brother of Nicholas and Jacob Bachert of Penn Township. He was not their father, as his will shows. Probably he was their uncle, a younger brother of the Jacob Bachert and Nicholas Bachert of Albany Township, Berks County, in 1756 and subsequently.

It is a remarkable fact that the name is spelled "Bachert" as early as 1756, and is variously spelled in subsequent tax lists until 1785, when the surname of Nicholas of Albany Township is again spelled "Bachert." While the name of Jacob Bachert of Albany Township appears in the lists of 1756, 1759, 1767, and 1768, it is not found in that of 1779. Mr. Montgomery states that it is last found in Albany Township in 1775. This agrees with the abovementioned theory that this Jacob removed to Lynn Township, Northampton County, and died soon after his removal there.

But in the Albany Township Tax list of 1779, under "Single Freemen," we have the name "Jacob Bachart." Since the will of Nicholas Bachert of Albany Township mentions no son Jacob but only a son, John, it is reasonable to suppose that this Jacob Bachart, single freeman of Albany Township, 1779, was the son of the Jacob Bachert who died in Lynn Township in 1775. This Jacob, Junior, may have been apprenticed in Albany Township and so remained there for some time, not removing with his father.

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Thus, in the Albany Township Tax list of 1780, we find "Jacob Baker," blacksmith. (You will note that in this list Nicholas, this Jacob's supposed uncle, also has his name written "Baker.")

In the Albany Tax list of 1781 we no longer find the name of Jacob Bachart. That was about the time when he appears in Penn Township in military rosters with our Revolutionary Nicholas. But in the Albany Township Tax list of 1781 we find, along with the name of Nicholas "Baker," the name "Jno. Baker," blacksmith. This last was probably John Bachert, son of Nicholas, mationed in the latter's will; and this John seemed to have learned the trade of blacksmith as well as his cousin, Jacob-- if Jacob, Junior, was indeed his cousin.

These Albany Township Tax lists are an interesting study, together with the Penn Township Revolutionary rosters and tax lists, of the changes rung by the clerks upon the surname of your ancestors.

Northampton County, Pennsylvania, was formed in March, 1752, from a part of Bucks County. On March 6, 1812, Lehigh County was formed from a part of Northampton, the County of Lehigh, including Lynn Township.

At the time of the formation of Northampton County, in 1752, the district which embraced the Townships of Lynn, Heidelburg, and Washington, now Lehigh County, were known as the "Heidelburg district." In June, 1753, this district was organized as Heidelburg Township. In October, 1752, a new township was authorized to be taken from the southwest part of Heidelburg Township. This plan was carried out in June 1753, and the new Township was called Lynn. This Township was bounded by the Blue Mountains on the northwest, these mountains forming the boundary between Lynn Township and what is now Penn Township, in Schuylkill County. On the southwest Lynn was bounded by Albany Township, in Berks County. Albany Township, Berks, extended west beyond Lynn Township, and was thus also bounded, on the north, by the present Penn Township, in Schuylkill County.

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Thus three adjoining townships, one in Schuylkill County, one in Lehigh County, and one in Berks County, are the places where we find your ancestors. The following rough maps of Lehigh and Berks Counties will be convenient for reference as we go on.

described as being on a branch of Maiden Creek, in Philadelphia County. But several years afterward this section was known as 'Allemaengel.' He erected a log building on this tract **** This was the first building erected in that distant locality **** This building occupied a dangerous position during the invasion by the Indians. It was occupied at times as a place of refuge by the settlers in that vicinity. A man named Schoner, it is said, was shot at the door; and a quarter of a mile away a man named Shisler and his wife were killed by the Indians.

"Taxables of 1759.- The following list comprises the taxable inhabitants of the township in 1759. Michael Brobst was the collector. The tax levied amounted to £31 6 s. 0 d.

	£		£
"Jacob Bacher	4	Michael Hollenbach	1
"Michael Brobst	14		
"Martin Brobst	14	John Miller	4
"Nicholas Bacher	6	Henry Zimmerman	2
"Valentine Brobst	10		
"Andreas Hagebach	7		

"Single Men.

"Jacob Hagenbach.

"Inmates.

"Solomon Bacher ---- 1

"Christopher Braucher --- 1

"Daniel Graucher ---- 1"---Morton L. Montgomery, "History of Berks County in Pennsylvania," Philadelphia, Everts, Peck & Richards, 1886, pages 1067-69.

"Henry Rutter," and "Samuel Leydy" also appear in the above list, among surnames found above, and in the account of Catharine Hollsbach, alias Bacher, of Lynn Twp., Lehigh Co., 1777, executrix of Jacob Bacher.

1767.

"Albany Township.

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	"Acres.	Horses.	Cattle.	Sheep.	Tax.
"Bacher, Jacob	100	2	1	2	2
"Bacher, Nicholas	100	2	2	2	4
[Page 19:]					
"Bausher, Daniel	100	2	2	---	2
"Braucher, Christ'r		2	2	---	2

--Pennsylvania Archives, 3rd Series, Volume 18 [Tax Lists, Berks County, Pa.], pages 18-21.

[This list of 1767 also shows in Albany Township the familiar surnames: Broobst, Anna Eliza and Michael; Hagenbuch, Andreas, with 150 acres, Henry, and Jacob, the latter a single man; Kistler; Mayer; Miller, George, Mich'l, with 100 acres; Neyford, Jacob; Ritter; Shellhamer, Philip; and Zimmerman, John and Henry, the latter with 100 acres.]

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD, The said Tract or Parcel of Land, with the appurtenances, unto the said SOLOMON BACHERT - JACOB BACHERT - EMANUEL BACHERT GEORGE BACHERT- LYDIA FAUST and NATHAN REHRIC and their heirs, to the use of them, the said SOLOMON BACHERT - JACOB BACHERT and others aforesaid their heirs and assigns forever, agreeably to their respective rights and interests
FREE AND CLEAR of all Restrictions and Reservations, as to Mines, Royalties, Quit-rents or otherwise, excepting and reserving only the fifth part of all Gold and Silver Ore for the use of the Commonwealth, to be delivered at the Pit's Mouth, clear of all charges.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, JOHN W. GEARY Governor of the said Commonwealth, hath hereunto set his Hand and the Seal of the office of the Surveyor General of Pennsylvania hath been hereunto affixed, the tenth day of November in the year of our LORD one thousand eight hundred and seventy one and of the Commonwealth the ninety sixth

ATTEST:

J. M. CAMPBELL

Surveyor General.

IN TESTIMONY, that the within is a copy of a Patent as recorded in Patent Book H Volume 69 page 759 remaining in the Department of Internal Affairs of Pennsylvania, I have hereunto set my Hand and caused the Seal of said Department to be affixed, at Harrisburg, this sixteenth day of March A. D. 1910.

(L. S.) James H. Craig,
Deputy Secretary of Internal Affairs.

Compared by:
R. C. De Wald
George F. Ross.

The next point is to learn where Rudolph Bossert and his son, George, who settled in what is now East Brunswick Township, Schuylkill County, came from before they located in Schuylkill County.

If you refer to an early part of this report, you will notice that about the time of the erection of Berks County, its northernmost Township, Albany, was sub-divided and Greenwich Township set off from it. The following tax lists of of Greenwich Township show that Rudolph and Jacob Hoffman, before they settled in Brunswick Township, Schuylkill County, had both resided in Greenwich Township, Berks County, closely adjoining to Albany Township, and where your immediate family, Jacob, John Nicholas, and Solomon Bachert, were living at the same time.

"Greenwich Township:"

"In 1756, the following taxables resided within this township, as it was then limited:

"**** Dietrich Mayer, Dietrich Leiby, **** George Miller, **** Henry Mayer, **** Henry Krall,**** Michael Leiby **** Philip Mayer, **** Rudolph Bussert, **** Jacob Hoffman, **** Adam Faust, **** Henry Faust ****

"The Maiden creek, which passes through the northwestern part of the township, affords water power."---Rupp, History of Berks and Lebanon Counties, Pennsylvania, pages 186-7.

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The following extracts are of interest as a contribution toward knowledge of the old churches in Albany Township, Berks, and Lynn Township, Northampton County, as well as of the close relations subsisting between the two districts.

"The Kistlers settled in Lehigh County, near Wesnersville, from which place some of the family early came to Albany and carried on mills and small factories."---Montgomery, History of Berks County, Pennsylvania, page 1069.

"The present Deitrich mill is remembered as Kistler's **** Then came the Grenewalt mill"---Montgomery, History of Berks County, Pennsylvania, page 1070.

"Jacob Greenewald" appears on the account of the estate of Jacob Bacher, 1777, of Lynn Twp., Lehigh County.

"Albany Church.- **** The devotion of Rev. Henry Melchior Muhlenberg carried him into that wild region of territory **** Certain of his church members had moved thither, between 1735 and 1745, from New Hanover, in Philadelphia (now Montgomery) County, and he naturally followed them to look after their spiritual welfare. In 1746 (April 11th) he took up in this township a tract of land containing fifty acres, and about that time a church was erected thereon. This was first known as 'Allemaengel Church,' and afterward named 'New Jerusalem.' In 1770, Muhlenberg granted this land to Philip Stambach, Jacob Gortner and Valentine Brobst, of Albany township, in Berks County, and Matthias Brobst and George Kestler, of Lynn township, in Northampton (now Lehigh) County, trustees, in trust and for the use of the 'German Lutheran Congregation of Albany township' [Deed Recorded in Recorder's Office, Reading, Pennsylvania, in D. B., Volume 6, pages 321-322].---Montgomery, History of Berks County, pages 1070-1.

"Among the first persons confirmed were the following: in 1756, George Kistler, **** in 1757, George Fr. Braucher, George Brobst. **** From 1755 to 1769 the congregations were served by the Rev. Daniel Schumacher, a Lutheran minister who then lived at Weissenberg, bwteen three and four miles from Allemaengel, and in that time also served fifteen or sixteen other congregations in Berks and Northampton Counties **** In 1769 he withdrew from this church, moved a small distance away, and took with him a considerable number of his friends, where in 1770-71 a new 'Allemaengel Kirche' was erected, formerly called Bethel Church, also the 'White Church.'"---Montgomery, History of Berks County, pages 1071-2, quoting Rev. S. K. Brobst's Centennial Sermon on the old Allemaengel Church.

Rev. Daniel Schumacher evidently officiated at funeral of Jacob Bacher, of Lynn Twp., Lehigh Co., 1775 (See widow's account, 1777).

Referring to the original Allemaengle Church: "The Church is situated near the eastern line of the township, a short distance above Wessnersville. First known as the 'Allemaengle Kirche' and later as the 'Red Church,' on account of its roof having been painted that color. Its offspring, the church at Wessnersville, about the same time was designated as the 'White Church,' a title which still clings to it."---Montgomery, History of Berks County, page 1072.

"Bethel Church.- Some years after the erection of the Albany Church a movement was made for the erection of another church in the same township. This arose from a disturbance which existed in 1769, between certain members of the Albany Church and its pastor, the Rev. Daniel Schumacher, and which obliged him to withdraw. In leaving the church he carried a considerable number of sympathizing friends with him, and they together succeeded in organizing a second congregation and erecting a church a short distance to the south, which was dedicated May 20, 1774. It was named 'Bethel Church.' It is a log building, still standing, and is occupied by the sexton ****

"The members were devoted to the interests of the church, and made a number of gifts. Christian Hechler presented a communnion set; **** Christian Braucher, a church record **** A new stone building was erected near by in 1840, to take the place of the old log building **** From its white appearance it took the name of the 'White Church,' to distinguish it from the 'New Jerusalem Church,' which was commonly known as the 'Red Church,' and it is still so called."---Montgomery, History of Berks County, pages 1072-3.

"New Bethel Church.- In the centre of Albany township, about five miles west of the Albany Church, another church was erected about 1750. It is stated that this building was erected in 1761. But in looking over the county records pertaining to the early roads of this township, I find that a church stood at that place in 1754, on a road described as beginning at Frederick Reidrelderfer's and running by way of Martin Brobst's mill and the Lutheran Church to the Northampton County line. It is possible that a temporary church was first established there some time previous to 1754, and that the first permanent church was erected in 1761. Forty persons were interested in its creation, prominent among them having been Jacob Zettelmoyer, Simon Fries, Jacob Gerhart, Jacob Wade, Adam Levan and Ferdinand Ritter. Some of the persons resided in Northampton (now Lehigh) County. In 1790 repairs were made to the building and thus it was used until 1858, when a new stone church was erected in its stead."---Montgomery, History of Berks County, page 1073.

"Wessnersville is the largest village in Albany township **** The first store in the locality was kept by Daniel Kistler, situated across the Lehigh line."---Montgomery, History of Berks Co., pages 1073-4.

At New Tripoli, Lynn Township, Lehigh Co., Pa., is the old "Ebebezer Church," also called the "Lynn Township Church," and the "Orgel Kirche," or "Organ Church," organized"about the year 1740." "The settlement was made by a portion of the Allemangel colony **** They were all Palatines, Swiss, and Huguenots **** The limits of the congregation extended to the Blue Mountains on the north*****The following heads of families generally pass for the first settlers, but of these many came later, and some may even belong to the succeeding generation. ****

"Christian Muller Jacob Grunewald.

********** *********

"Abraham Schellhammer. Michael Fenstermacher."---Rev. W. A. Helffrich, "History of the Counties of Lehigh and Carbon, Mathews and Hungerford, Philadelphia, 1884, page 308.

On the theory that we have accepted that the Revolutionary Nicholas Bachert was the son of Jacob Bachert of Lynn Township, Northampton, in 1775, and Albany Township, Berks, previous to that date, and was probably the nephew of Solomon Bachert of Albany Township, Berks, and of Penn Township, Schuylkill County, and also probably the nephew of John Nicholas Bachert, of Albany Township, Berks,- who was the father of Jacob, John Nicholas, and Solomon, and the grandfather of Nicholas of the Revolution? Before we address ourselves to this question, we will first eliminate other possibilities which might present themselves.

Our research at Pottsville, Schuylkill County, discloses a will of Michael Batteicher. He died in 1819, leaving his widow, Elizabeth, and son, George, as his executors. The following documents refer to this family.

26 Feb. 1820. "Whereas Michael Batteicher late of Brunswig Township in the County of Schuylkill blacksmith deceased did in and by his last Will and Testament bearing date the 28 day of July A. D. 1819, and approved on the 20th of September 1819 devised and bequeathed unto his Son Michael Batteicher of the same County Yeoman- a certain portion or share of the proceeds of the Sale of the Estate of said testator **** and whereas the said Michael Batteicher the Son is justly indebted to John Lambert of the County of Berks Esquire in the Sum of"$87.35, therefore the said Michael Batteicher assigns his share in the said Estate to the said Lambert.---Pottsville, Pennsylvania, Recorder's Office, Miscellaneous Book 2, pages 60-3. Copied by Frank Allaben.

"Administration Account of Elizabeth Batteicher and George Batteicher Executors of the Estate of Michael Batteicher late of Brunswick township," confirmed March Term, 1835.---Pottsville, Pennsylvania, Register of Wills' Office, Orphans Court Docket, Book 4 & 5, page 60. Copied by Frank Allaben.

On petition of "George Batteiger one of the Executors of the last will and Testament of Michael Bateiger deceased," in behalf of self and "Elizabeth Batteiger his Co Executor," to sell " a Tract or piece of land Situate in West Brunswig Township in Schuylkill County on the Centre turnpike bounded by lands of John McLane Isaac Moyer land lats the estate of George Ege deceased and others Containing about twelve acres with a two Storied frame house & log Barn." Petition adds: "The Estate is indebted to George Batteiger the Executor the Sum of Eighty pounds money lent to his Father- to assist in purchasing the within mentioned tract of land about thirty years ago on which he claims Interest." 21 March, 1836, petition granted, the sale to take place 7 May 1836.---Pottsville, Pennsylvania, register's Office, Schuylkill County, Orphans' Court Docket, No. 5, pages 130-1. Copied by Frank Allaben.

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We may dismiss the above family from all consideration. The name is not very similar, and our research shows that the form "Batteicher" was persistently in that family.

We next take up the family of Bucher, to which the following notes refer:

"In 1711, the Mennonites of Berne were offered free transportation down the Rhine **** About this very time began the settlement of Lancaster Co. by Swiss Mennonites & undoubtedly many of the above were among them.[26]"

"[26]The names given by Muller (pp. 207 ff) are identical with those of Lancaster County Swiss, among them being **** Bucher ****"----German & Swiss Settlements of Colonial Pennsylvania, Oscar Kuhns, page 46.

"Claus Bucher b. in Neunkirch, Canton of Schaffhausen, Switzerland, 1524. The family record is in German, with the Coat-of-Arms emblazoned thereon.

"Shield, emblazoned with a beech-tree, eradicated, (from which the family name is derived) and a hunter's horn, stringed.

"Crest.- The tree with the horn suspended in same manner.

"This coat-of-arms is worn by the large family of Buchers in Ger. at the present day. The crest varies with the position & condition of the head of the particular family."

Claus Bucher m., April 6, 1545, Dorothea Zeller. The had seven issue.

Six generations were born in Switzerland where many occupied important civic positions. The seventh generation gives:

X. John Conrad Bucher[7], (John-Jacob[6], John-Jacob[5], John[4], John[3], John[2], Claus[1]) b 10 June, 1730, in Neunkirch, Canton of Schaaffhausen, Swits. Educated at University of Marburg, and at St.Gall; was at Namur, Holland, in seige of 1754-5. Came to Penn. in 1756; made ensign April 1, 1758, of Provincial Army, stationed at Fort Louther, Carlisle, in French and Indian War, and served in expedition against Fort Duquesne, 1759. Commissioned Lieutenant and then Captain 31 July, 1764, and served in Bouquet's Expedition against Indians in 1763 and 1764.

Captain Bucher drew 616 acres in Buffalo Valley, now Union Co. and 540 acres on Bald Eagle and Marsh Creek, Centre Co.

Resigned commission in 1765, entered the ministry, and had charges at Falling Spring (Chambersburg-, Shippensburg, Carlisle, etc., until 1768 when he accepted a call to the German Ref. Church at Lebanon, then Lancaster Co. Remained here until his death in Aug. 15, 1780; buried in the church grave-yard. He m. Feb. 26, 1760, by Rev. Geo. Duffield, Mary Magdalena Hoake, dau. of George Hoake, one of the earliest citizens of York, Pa., (and of his wife, who was of the Lefevre family-French Huguenots from Lyons, via the West Indies) b. Feb. 2, 1742; d. at Alexandria, Pa. March 11, 1819. They had three sons and three daughters born in Carlisle and Lebanon.

Remaining generations of this family belong to Harrisburgh and the counties of Dauphin and Lebanon. (See also Egle, "Notes and Quries," 2nd Series, Volume II, page 411)

John Jacob[8] Bucher b. Jan. 1, 1764, at Carlisle, Pa., eldest child of Rev. John Conrad Bucher, an officer of the Provincial Service, stationed at Carlisle. (See p. 2) Jacob learned the trade of a hatter, and went to Ohio. Returned to Lebanon in 1789; visited his relatives in Schaffhauser, Switzerland, and then located at Harrisburg. In March 1792 he m. Susanna Hoeter. Had two sons: the late Judge Conrad of Harrisburg and Hon. George H. of Mechanicsburg. He had a notable public career, from 1796 when he was Coroner. Was Justice of the Peace, Member of the House of Representatives for a number of years. In 1812 he was member of Congress, and in 1818 an Associate Judge for Dauphin Co., which he held until his death in Oct. 16, 1827.

His four daughters married distinguished men. (Notes and Queries, 1st Series, Egle, page 313) Vol. I. ---Pennsylvania Genealogies, William H. Egle, 1886, Bucher Family, pages 103-120.

Minutes of the Proceedings of Officers of the Pa. Regiment, between 1764 and 1774 in relation to their obtaining a grant of land on West Branch of Susquehanna.

The officers of the 1st and 2nd Battalions of the Pennsylvania Regiment lately under Command of Colonel Bouquet, presented a petition to George John Penn for a tract of land "within the Province of Pennsylvania whereon to erect a compact and defencible town, & to accomodate each of us with a reasonable & commodious plantation." (Page 94)

Article 3: "Upon obtaining a grant for said land and informed of the Proprietory terms, we shall comply **** and if the majority of the Society do require that each subscriber shall build a house in the town, or improve a tract of land, **** we will comply therewith ****" Dated this eighth day of September 1764."

Among the signers to this petition was:

Conrad Bucher, Adjutant and Ensign of 2nd Battalion, who subscribed £10.00 as his share of the expense.

At a meeting of the officers of the Penn. Reg't held at Lebanon 26 Jan. 1769, Captain Bucher was present, in order to consult upon the terms proposed by his Honor the Governor.

Captain Boucher (so spelled) was also among the officers to whom a copy of the "Order of Survey" was sent.

"The above officers of the first & second Battalion of the Pennsylvania Regiment, & who served under Col. Bouquet in 1764 apply for 24,000 acres of land,**** on the west branch of the river Susquehanna, in not less than eight thousand acres in a tract, & divided amongst them & seated according to their agreement, and the concession of the Proprietors to their petition."

Signed Turbutt Francis.

Granted upon the terms expressed in the minutes of property of the 3[d] of Feb. A. D. 1769.

Signed John Penn.

Capt. Bucher also present at meeting of the late officers of the Pa. Reg. at Harris's Ferry. May 16, 1769.

This land was selected and surveyed on the west branch of the Susquehanna, in Buffalo Valley and on Bald Eagle Creek.

Capt. Bucher was no. 17 in drawing his lots on Buffalo valley in the first Lottery. He also drew no. 13 in the second Lottery, in the Lots on Bald Eagle Creek.

Capt. Bucher sold both his tracts to Major D. C. Haas. (This was probably the John Conrad Bucher, mentioned above). (Extracts from Courts in Germantown 1691-1707 contain no mention of Conrad Bachert or the name in any spelling).---Pennsylvania Historical Society Collections, Volume I, 1853, pages 94-116.

The above is an interesting family, but nothing has been discovered that implies that there is any relationship, on this side of the water, at least, between that family and your ancestors. There was also a Bucher family in Northampton County, to which the following documents refer.

12 September, 1775, "George Clise of William Township in the County of Northampton **** House Carpenter" for £175 sells to "Jacob Bucher of Durham Township in the County of Bucks **** Yeoman," a tract of 206 acres, and 98 perches, purchased by the said Clise from Joseph Morris of Philadelphia 25 Dec. 1773, said tract being in Williams Township, Northampton Co., lying on Delaware River and extending to the boundary line of Bucks and Northampton counties, being no. 37 on a Plan of a larger tract called Durham.---Easton, Northampton County, Pennsylvania, Office of Register of Deeds, Book F, 1, pages 404-5. Copied by Frank Allaben.

20 Nov. 1779, "Jacob Bucher of Beckhill Township in Bucks County and State of Pennsylvania and Catharine his wife" for £1585 sell to peter Stem of Nockamixon Township, Bucks Co., 101 acres, 90 perches of land, in Williams Township, Northampton Co., part of Lot 39 of the "Durhams Land" on pelaware River, said 101 a, 90 perches, having on 22 May 1779 been sold by Peter Lerch & wife to said Jacob Bucher.---Easton, Northampton County, pennsylvania, Office of Register of Deeds, Book G, No. 1, pages 53-55. Copied by Frank Allaben.

1 March, 1785, "Jacob Bucher of Williams Township in the County of Northampton & Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Yeoman and Jemimah his wife" for £50 sell to "John Young of Durham Township in the County of Bucks" 25 acres of land in Williams Twp., Northampton Co., part of that bot. by said Bucher 12 Sept. 1775 from George Clise [See abstract of deed of this purchase].---Easton, Northampton County, Pennsylvania, Office of the Register of Deeds, need Book G, No. 2, pages 103-4. Copied by Frank Allaben.

10 Jan. 1789 Sheriff's sale (mortgage foreclosure- to Casper Fabion of the 206 a, 98 perches, of land, of "Jacob Bucher of Northampton Co., which the latter bought of George Clise (deed 12 Sep. 1775, same book, p. 404), Speaks of "the said Jacob Bucher and Jemimiah his wife."---Easton, Northampton County, Pennsylvania, Office of Register of Deeds, Book F, No. 1, pages 548-9. Copied by Frank Allaben.

22 June, 1793, "Jacob Bucher of Williams Township in the Northampton **** yeoman" for £5 sells to Michael Kyser 1 1/2 acres in said township," part of a certain Tract of Two hundred and six acres and ninety-eight perches of Land which a certain George Clise by his Indenture dated the twelfth Day of September in the year one thousand seven hundred and severty five **** granted unto the said Jacob Bucher**** ---Easton, Northampton County, Pennsylvania, Office Register of needs, Book F, Volume 1, page 404. Copied by Frank Allaben.

In deed in which the above Kyser transfers the above 1 1/2 acres to George Henry Clyhaunce, Bucher is referred to as "Jacob Boocher."---Easton, Northampton County, Pennsylvania, Office of Register of Deeds, Book B, 3, pages 184-5. Copied by Frank Allaben.

20 June, 1800, Casper Fabian and wife Mary of Durham Twp., Bucks Co., for $100 sell & release to "Jacob Bucher of the Northern Liberties of the City of Philadelphia" the 206 acres, 98 perches of land in Williams Twp., Northampton Co., which said Fabian acquired by Sheriff's sale, 10 Jan. 1789, from said Bucher.---Easton, Northampton County, Pennsylvania, Register of Deeds' Office, Deed Book F, No. 2, pages 387-8. Copied by Frank Allaben.

21 August, 1801, "Jacob Booker of the Northern Liberties (of the city) of Philadelphia and Mary his wife" for $100 sell to "Abraham Booker of Williams Township, Northampton Co., Pa., "son of the aforesaid Jacob Booker," 70 acres, part of the tract in Williams Twp., Northampton Co., bo't by said Jacob Booker by Deed Pale from Casper Fabian as recorded in Book F, Volume 2, page 387.---Easton, Northampton County, Pennsylvania, Register of Deeds Office, Deed Book B, No. 3, page 337. Copied by Frank Allaben.

25 April, 1808, "Jacob Bucher of the township of the Northern Liberties in the County of Philadelphia, **** farmer," deeds in trust to Henry Hoover of Williams Township, Northampton Co., Pa., 27 1/4 a, 10 perches of land, lying on the Delaware River in Williams Township, bounding lands of "Daniel Bucher" and "Abraham Bucher," the said Jacob Bucher to enjoy the said tract of land during his life, and after his death it to be by the said Henry Hoover deeded to "Margaret Hansell a step Daughter of the said Jacob Bucher."---Easton, Northampton County, Pennsylvania, Office Register of Deeds, Deed Book D 3, page 194. Copied by Frank Allaben.

25 April, 1807, "Abraham Bucher of Williams township in the county of Northampton and commonwealth of Pennsylvania yeoman and Sarah his wife" for $66. sell to Walter Fields of Springfield Twp., Bucks Co., 5 acres, 36 perches, in Williams Twp., Northampton Co., bounded by land of said Abraham Bucher, John Boyer, and Jacob Young, "It being part of a larger tract of land which Jacob Bucher, father of the said Grantor by his Indenture bearing Date the 21st Day of August Anno Domini 1801 and recorded in the office for recording of Deeds at Easton in and for the county of Northampton in Book B, Volume 3, page 337 &c."---Easton, Northampton County, Pennsylvania, Office of Register of Deeds, Deed Book C, No. 3, pages 205-6. Copied by Frank Allaben.

8 March, 1821, "Abraham Bugher of Williams Township, Northampton County," Pa., "and Sarah his wife," for $550 sell to Moses Applegate 58 acres in Williams Twp., adjoining lands of "said Abraham Booker" [sic], "William Booker, &c, it being part of tract, 21 August, 1801, granted said "Abraham Booker" by "Jacob Booker."

Signed "Abraham Bugher his mark," "Sarah Bugher her mark."---Easton, Northampton County, Pennsylvania, Office Register of Deeds, Deed Book B, Volume 7, pages 257-9. Copied by Frank Allaben.

Will of Abraham Bucher of Williams Twp., Northampton Co., Pa., made 22 August, 1829, P. 23 March 1840. "Wife Sarah;" "daughter Margared;" "son Moses;" "son William;" "daughter Sarah;" "daughter Catharine;" "son Samuel;" "daughter Ann;" "son John;" daughter Sarah's "Husband, John Warner."---Easton, Northampton County, Pennsylvania, Register of Wills' Office, Will Book 6, pages 44-5. Copied by Frank Allaben.

The following references are to early immigrants of this name who arrived at Philadelphia.

"List of Passengers Imported in the Ship Friendship of Bristol, John Davies, Master, from Rotterdam, Qualified Oct. 16, 1727.
"Nicalus Bucher.
"The Original List is herewith given-
"Nicholas Bogert."---Pennsylvania Archives, 2nd Series, Volume 17, page 11.

"List of Foreigners Imported in the Ship Billander Oliver, Samuel Merchant, Master, from South Carolina. Qualified Aug. 25, 1735.
"Hans Bucher,
"Hans Bucher, Jr.
"[The original list is herewith given.]
"Men's Names.

Name.	Age.
"Hans Booker,	54
"John Booker,	20
"Women's Names.	
"Cristana Booker,	35
"Children's Names.	
"Benjeaman Booker	13
"Cristan Booker,	10

---Pennsylvania Archives, 2nd Series, Volume 17, pages 119-20.

"List of Foreigners Imported in the Ship Francis and Elizabeth, George North, from Rotterdam. Qualified Sept. 21, 1742.
"Johann Michael Bucher."---Pennsylvania Archives, 2nd Series, Volume 17, pages 231-2.

There was also a Bucher family in Pine Grove Township, Schuylkill County, to which the following documents refer.

6 Feb., 1829, for £500 "John Bucher and Ann Maria his wife and Henry Umbehauser and Christina his wife" sell 130 acres, 155 perches, of land.---Pottsville, Schuylkill County, Pennsylvania, Recorder's Office, Deed Book 7, pages 561-6. Copied by Frank Allaben.

8 May, 1846, Letters of Administration granted "To George Reed, Brother in Law of Jonathan Bucher late of the State of Ohio Deceased." On margin below: "Renunciation of Anna Maria Bucher Widow of John Bucher & Mother of the dec^d filed this day."---Pottsville, Schuylkill County, Pennsylvania, Register of Wills' Office, Book 3, Letters of Administration, page 163. Copied by Frank Allaben.

25 June, 1847, action on Petition of Lewis Reeser, administrator "of George Bucher late of Pine grove Township, deceased," who "died Intestate about the Year 1844 leaving a Widow named [blank] and two Children to wit; Franklin and Solomon." Dec'd left a "Lot of ground and small dwelling house, situate in Pine grove Township adjoining Tulpehocken road and Lot now occupied by Boriah Meck."---Pottsville, Schuylkill County, Pennsylvania, Register of Wills' Office, Orphans' Court Docket 7, pages 172-4. Copied by Frank Allaben.

At an Orphans' Court, 18 March, 1847, was presented "The account of George Reed administrator of the estate of Jonathan Bucher late of Pine grove Township dec'd. Balance due the estate $441.73"---Pottsville, Schuylkill County, Pennsylvania, Register of Wills' Office, Orphans' Court Docket, No. 7, page 142. Copied by Frank Allaben.

16 June, 1847, Letters of Administration granted "To Lewis Reeser Esquire a friend and Neighbour of George Bucher late of the Township of Pine grove deceased." Endorsed below: "Renunciation of Widow Bucher filed."---Pottsville, Schuylkill County, Pennsylvania, Register of Wills' Office, Book 4, Letters of Administration, page 24. Copied by Frank Allaben.

10 Dec., 1848, John Stine appointed guardian, on "The Petition of Jacob Bucher respectfully represents, That Francis Bucher and Solomon Bucher The Children of George Bucher deceased, are Minors under the age of fourteen years and have no Guardian to take charge of their Persons and Estate."

Signed "Jacob Bucher."---Pottsville, Schuylkill County, Pennsylvania, Register of Wills' Office, Orphans' Court Docket, No. 6, page 396. Copied by Frank Allaben.

Orphans' Court, 11 December, 1848, authorized partition of Estate of late John Bucher dec'd, on petition presented by "Jacob Bucher eldest son and heir at Law of John Bucher late of Pine grove Township," Schuylkill Co. Petitioner recites that his "said Father on the 31st day of March A D 1846 made his Last Will and Testament,**** which after his death to wit on the 28th April 1846 was duly proven;" that said deceased had a "farm and plantation Situate in said township of Pinegrove," 130 acres, bounded by lands of Thomas Berger, Samuel Zerbe, George Huber, Michael Zerbe, Nicholas Hertzog and Henry Hiel; "That the said Testator left a Widow named Anna Maria and three Children to Wit your Petitioner Catherine B Intermarried with George Reed and Daniel Bucher. He also left the following named Grand Children being the children of another deceased daughter Magdalena, who was intermarried with Michael Zerbe To wit Mary Zerbe, John Zerbe, George Zerbe, Rebecca Zerbe, Michael Zerbe and Catherine Zerbe being all Minors **** The said Testator left also two other Grand Children, being the Children of a decd Son named George, To wit Francis Bucher and Solomon Bucher, who are still in their Minority having John Stine **** as their Guardian."---Pottsville, Schuylkill County, Pennsylvania, Register of Wills' Office, Orphans' Court Docket, Book 6, pages 415-16. Copied by Frank Allaben.

28 August, 1849, "Daniel Bucher minor son of John Bucher," late of Pine grove Twp., "having arrived at the age of twenty one years," acknowledges receipt of his inheritance from his guardian, Thomas Berger.---Pottsville, Schuylkill County, Pennsylvania, Recorder's Office, Miscellaneous Book 6, page 540. Copied by Frank Allaben.

6 Feb. 1866, release to "Jacob Bucher of Pine Grove Township" on payment by him of $2250 to "Daniel Bucher, Jacob Bucher, children of John Bucher deceased, Henry Reed, Guardian of Edward Reed, James Reed, Emeline Reed, Sarah Reed children of George Reed and Grand Children of John Bucher, deceased, George Zerbe, Michael Zerbe, Rebecca Zeibe now Brown children of Magdalena Bucher, and Grand Children of John Bucher decd, and Franklin Bucher, Solomon Bucher, children of George Bucher deceased grandchildren of John Bucher deceased, and Peter Zoddahzahn, guardian of Mary Zoddahzahn, Sarah Zoddahzahn, Children of Catherine Zerbe, and Grandchildren of John Bucher deceased."---Pottsville, Schuylkill County, Pennsylvania, Recorder's Office, Miscellaneous Book 11, pages 474-5. Copied by Frank Allaben.

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Will of "Jacob Bucher of Pine Grove Township," 21 March, 1874, proved 26 Sept., 1881; "Wife Mary Bucher;" to her use of Estate for life; after her death it to be divided "amongst the Children of my deceased daughter Angeline intermarried to Daniel Marquart, said Children named Mary Alice, Emma Henry and Jacob Marquart."---Pottsville, Schuylkill County, Pennsylvania, Office of Register of Wills, Will Book No. 5, pages 309-11. Copied by Frank Allaben.

In the above you will notice that the deceased John Bucher, of Pine Grove Township, had a son, George, and this son, George, had sons Franklin and Solomon Bucher. When I first obtained these documents I was under the impression that they referred to the New Ringgold Bacherts, for two of that family, with whom you have corresponded, claim that their grandfather was Solomon, son of George. But I have since found convincing evidence that the New Ringgold family have a very different ancestry. Their ancestry is an exceedingly important part of the evidence in this case, and will come before us a little further on.

You have cited Ruff's "Thirty Thousand Names" for a "Nicklaus Bachert," who came over in the ship "Union," September 27th, 1773. One of the volumes of the Pennsylvania Archives gives Ruff's list with corrections and additional names from the original lists. I find from this volume that no such person came over on the above mentioned ship. The result of my examination is given in the following note:

"List of Foreigners Imported in the Ship Union, Andrew Bryson, Master, from Rotterdam, last from Portsmouth. Qualified Sept. 27, 1773."
No such name as "Nicklaus Bachert" in list. There is, however, "Nicklaus Leonhard," along with, farther on, "Johann Georg Leonhardt" and "Johann Jost Lenhard." ---Pennsylvania Archives, 2nd Series, Volume 17, pages 510-11.

The following items refer to a George Bachert and his wife who settled in Easton in comparatively recent times. But, as you, yourself, have learned from inquiry, this George Bachert came over from Germany, and is not of your family.

"George Bachert of the Township of Williams" Northampton Co., Pa., for $125 buys a lot " on the south side of Washington Heights Street in the Town of Seitzville, Township of Williams," adjoining a lot already owned by said George Bachert. Date, 3 Sept., 1874.---Easton, Northampton County, Pennsylvania, Office of Register of Deeds, Deed Book G, No. 14, pages 235-6. Copied by Frank Allaben.

"George Bachert," as above, of Williams Twp., Northampton Co., for £175 buy a lot "on the North side of Nerguehoning Street in the Township of Williams aforesaid." Date, 17 April, 1874.---Easton, Northampton County, Pennsylvania, Office of Register of Deeds, Deed Book G, No. 14, pages 236-7. Copied by Frank Allaben.

"Barbara Bachert wife of George Bachert of the township of Williams," Northampton Co., buys for $150 three parcels of ground on north side of Nesquehoning Street, Williams township, 30 January, 1882.---Easton, Northampton County, Pennsylvania, Office of Register of Deeds, Deed Book A, No. 17, pages 588-9. Copied by Frank Allaben.

"Barbara Bachert wife of George Bachert," Williams Twp., Northampton Co., Pa., for $410 buys, 1 February, 1882, lot and frame dwelling house on north side of Nesquehoning Street, Williams Twp., Northampton Co., Pa.---Easton, Northampton County, Pennsylvania, Office of Register of Deeds, Deed Book A, No. 17, pages 589-90. Copied by Frank Allaben.

The following item explains itself:

"Bachart, Geo., 1749, Lehigh"- General list of Huguenot arrivals, given in Stapleton's "Memorials of the Huguenots," page 149.

We have made several inquiries concerning the above George Bachert but, up to the present time, we have not succeeded in locating him, provided that he really settled in what is now Lehigh County, formerly Northampton County. That such a man landed at Philadelphia, we know from the following document.

"List of Foreigners Imported in the Ship Jacob Captain Adolph De Grove, from Rotterdam, Last from Shields, England. Qualified Oct. 2, 1749.

"****

"Geo. Bachart,

"****

"Johannes Becker."---Pennsylvania Archives, 2nd Series, Volume 17, page 300.

It is possible, however, that the above George Bachart did not really settle in Lehigh County, but located in Lancaster County, and is identical with the man referred to in the following extracts from tax lists.

	Acres.	Horses.	Cattle.	Serv.	Tax.
Bachart, George	1	-	1	-	2.0

Pennsylvania Archives, 3rd Series, Volume 17, Tax Lists of Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, Salisbury Township, 1773. Page 446.

	Acres.	Horses.	Cattle.	Serv.	Tax.
Bachart, George	9	-	1	-	1.5.0---

Pennsylvania Archives, 3rd Series, Volume 17, Tax Lists of Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, Warwick Township, 1782. Page 775.

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We also add here the following reference to an immigrant of 1768, although we know nothing further about him.

"List of Foreigners Imported in the Ship Minerva, Thomas Arnott, Master, from Rotterdam, last from Portsmouth. Qualified Oct. 10, 1768.
"****
"Paul Buchert."---Pennsylvania Archives, 2nd series, Volume 17, page 485.

The following series of Northampton County military rosters might, at first glance, lead us to suppose that we had references to your ancestor, Nicholas Bachert, the Revolutionary soldier, and his supposed brother, Jacob Bachert, at least, the two last might indicate this.

"A Class Rool of Capt. Frederick Kerns Company, May the 2, 1781.
"Class 1.
"Peter Muffle. Nicolaus Becker.
John Socher. Jacob Beyer.
Peter Rans. William Deter.
****
"Class 3.
"**** Philip Becker.
****
"the 6.
"**** Jacob Beker ****
"the 7.
"**** Jacob Bossert ****
"I do Certify that this is the True State of my Company at the time I give as Witness my hand this 25th Day of feberrery 1783.
"Frederick Coons."---Pennsylvania Archives, 5th series, Volume 8, pages 250-1.

The above is given as affiliated with the 3rd Battalion, Northampton County, Militia, Col. Nicholas Kern, whose muster rolls are given in above volume, pages 223-300.
The same volume gives us, on pages 277-290,
"A General Class Roll of the 3D Battalion of Malatia of Northampton County Made for the Year 1782," Lieut-Colonel Nicholas Kerns, under which we find,
"Sixth Company.
"Captain,
"fredrick Coons.
****

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"Privits.
"First Class.
"Peter Muffly. Neokloss Backer.
John Seger. (Illegible)
Peter Coons. William (illegible)
****

"Third Class.

"**** Philip Becker.

****

"Sixth Class.

"**** Jacobe Backer ****

"Seventh Class.

"**** Jacobe Buserd."---Pennsylvania Archives, 5th series, Volume 8, pages 285-7.

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"A Class Roll of Capt. Frederick Coons Company of Lehey Township.

"first Class.

"**** Nickloss Bacher ****

****

"Third Class.

"**** Philip Backer ****

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"Sixth Class.

"**** Jacobe Bacher ****

"I do Certify that this is the true state of My Company at the time I Give it as Witness My hand this 25th day of feberrery 1783.

"frederick Coons.

"Those names that are here set are those that have done their duty in the first four classes.

"1St Class.

"**** Nicholas Backer."--Penn. Archives, 5th series, pages 519-20.

The entire "first Class," given on page 519 is as follows:

"first Class.

"Peter Mufley. Nickloss Bacher.
John Sheger. Jacobe Bayer.
George Sheneberger. Will'm fetter.
Peter Coons."

This shows that the "Nicholas Backer," of the same class, in the list of "those that have done their duty," is the same man as the above "Nickloss Bacher," since the class contained no other of a like surname, and no other with the given name of "Nicholas."

You will notice, however, that in the first list their names appear as Becker, instead of Bachert. In the following list the name also appears as Becker, while the date of the following list, which is practically the same as the date of the list of Penn Township for 1785, in which your Nicholas and Jacob appear, proves a complete alibi, showing that Nicholas and Jacob of the list following are entirely distinct persons from your Nicholas and Jacob of Penn Township.

"A Class Roll of Captain Friderich Kunss Company, Aprill the 18th, 1785 ****

"1.

"Peter Mufly Senior.

****

"Peter Kuns.

"Nicholas Becker ****

"3.

"**** Philip Becker **** Peter Mufly, Jr. ****

"6.

"**** Jacob Buckman ****

"8.

"**** Jacob Becker."---Pennsylvania Archives, 6th Series, Volume 3, pages 886-7.

We know nothing further of the persons whose names appear in the following roster, except that some of them are also found in subsequent tax lists of Northampton County.

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"First Company Fourth Battalion Northampton County.

"

"Anthony Lerch, Jun'r."

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"1st Class.

"****Christian Backer.

****

"6th Class.

"****Isaac Backer.

****

"8th Class.

"William Backer. John Bucher."

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"Not in Classes.

"****Abraham Bucher.

****

"23d April 1782 Before me appeared Andrew Raub Ensigng the First Company of the Fourth Battalion of Militia of Northampton County and upon his Solemn affirmation doth say that the above is a true Return of the male white inhabitants between the ages of Eighteen and fifty three within the district of the said Company accord'g to the best of his knowledge. Be it affirmied Before.

"(?)"---Pennsylvania Archives, 5th Series, Volume 8, pages 332-334.

The following lists are given as sample instances of the way in which your Revolutionary Nicholas and his supposed brother, Jacob, are found in lists mixed up with others of somewhat similar names in Northampton County.

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[All from one document]
"Northampton County Militia," "Continental Line. Depreciation Pay."
"Backert, Jacob, private" [Page 311]
"Basler, Jacob, private" [Page 311]
"Baucher, Jacob, private" [Page 311]
"Becker, Jacob, private" [Page 312]
"Becker, Nicholas, private" [Page 312]
"Beeker, Nicholas, private" [Page 312]
"Begger, Christopher, private" [Page 312]
"Biegert, Christopher, private" [Page 313]
"Bogard, Jacob, private" [Page 313]
"Bogart, Hommelker, private" [Page 313]
"Bogar, Adam, private" [Page 313]
"Borger, Jacob, private" [Page 313]
"Bucher, Christopher, private" [Page 314]
"Burger, Jacob, private" [Page 314]---Pennsylvania Archives, 5th Series, Volume 4, pages 311-14.

Rangers on the Frontier in Northampton Co., Pa., in 1778 to 1783.

Jacob Bachert,
Henry Becker,
Jacob "
Nicholas "
Thomas Beckel,
Jacob "
Christian "
Nicholas Baker---Pennsylvania Archives, 3rd Series, Volume 24, pages 294, 295, 299, 341, 342, 361.

Rangers on the Frontier. 1778-1783.
Northampton Co.

Bachert, Jacob.
Basher, Nicholas.---Pennsylvania Archives, 3rd Series, Volume 23, pages 294, 296.

Taxables in Northampton Co., Pa., 1772.

	Tax in 1772.
George Braucher. fa'r	4-8-0
Christian Braucher fa'r	1-12-0
Petor Backer	15-0-0
John Backer. Innkeeper,	3-4-0

---Pennsylvania Archives, 3rd Series, Volume 19, pages 54, 55, 60.

Warrantees of Land in Northampton Co., Pa.

	Date of Survey.
George A. Backer. 50 acres.	Feb. 9, 1785.
Catharine Backer, Sen'r, 100 acres.	" " "
Wm. Backer, 50 acres.	March 15, 1786.
Jacob Backer, 200 acres.	Nov. 15, 1787.

---Pennsylvania Archives, 3rd Series, Volume 24, pages 37, 38, 39.

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John Becker,	25 acres,	March 26, 1752.
" "	25 acres,	November 8, 1753.
" "	25 acres,	April 5, 1758.
Fred. Backer,	20 acres,	Feb. 5, 1755.

Schuylkill Co., Pa.

John Becker,	40 acres,	June 29, 1814.
" "	20 acres,	July 21, 1814.---Pennsylvania Archives, 3rd Series, Volume 24, pages 31, 32, 33, 340.

The following items show that there were Backers in Northampton, York, and Chester Counties, and also show that a considerable number of that or similar names came into Pennsylvania at different times.

Backer, Jacob, 200 a, 15 Nov., 1787.---Northampton County, Penn.., Warrantees of Land, Pennsylvania Archives, 3rd Series, Volume 26, page 39.

Taxables York Co., Pa.
Berwick Township. 1779.

	acres.	horses.	cattle.	Tax.
Backer, George	95	2	2	44-9-0
Backer, John	95	2	3	45-0-0
Backer, Daniel	95	2	2	22-7-6---Pennsylvania Archives, 3rd Series, Volume 21, page 108.

Tax Lists of Chester Co., Pa.
1774-1785.
Middletown Rate, 1780.

	Acres.	horses.	cattle.	Sheep.	Servants.
Backer, Richard,	145	2	3	-	1
Backer, Aaron,	50	1	2	-	-

Backer, Peter, Coventry Township, Tax, 1785. 1.0-0
Backer, Jacob, Richland Township, Tax, 1786. 2-0---Pennsylvania Archives, 3rd Series, Volume 12, pages 290, 703.

"List of Foreigners Imported in the Ship Adventurer, Robert Carson, Master, from Rotterdam. Qualified Sept. 23 1732.
"Nicholas Bogerdt.
[The original list is herewith given] Age
"Nick. Booker,.....23
[No similar name in the lists of Women, Girls and Boys]
Henrich Baasler, 30 Sept., 1732.
Christoph Basserer,
Simon Baasserer,
Dietrich Boocher.---Pennsylvania Archives, 2nd Series, Volume 17, pages 57, 61, 69, 70.

Foreigners in Ship Samuel, Hugh Percy, Master, from Rotterdam.
Qualified Aug. 30, 1737.

	Age.
Philip Backers-	54
Hans Mich[l] Backer-	23
Lorens Becker-	57
Ludw[t] Becker-	28---Pennsylvania Archives, 2nd Series, Volume 17, pages 133-5.

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"List of Foreigners Imported in the Ship Winter Galley, Edward Poynter, Master, from Rotterdam. Qualified Sept. 5, 1738.
"Peter Bucher."
"[The original list is herewith given]
"Age.
"Henrich Backer 20
"Peter Burchart.....
.....
"Casper Berger,.....30"---Pennsylvania Archives, 2nd Series, Volume 17, pages 146-51.

"List of Foreigners Imported in the Ship Friendship, William Vittery, Commander, from Rotterdam. Qualified Sept. 3, 1739.
"Georg Jacob Burchart. Johan Veit Bachler.
[The original list is herewith given] "Age
"Jurig Jacob Borkhart,.....56
["Bachler" seems to be omitted from the original list, as printed]---Pennsylvania Archives, 2nd Series, Volume 17, pages 190-2.

"Willm Toast Backer, aged 30, "Fredrick Backer," 19,
"Didrick Backer," 43, and "Peter Becker," 22, came in the Loyal Judith, qualifying Nov. 25, 1740.
"Henuk Backer," aged 50, came in the Molly, qualifying Oct. 17, 1741.---Pennsylvania Archives, 2nd Series, Volume 17, pages 200-3, 220.

Foreigners Imported, qualified Sept. 26, 1749.
"Peter Backer."---Pennsylvania Archives, 2nd series, Volume 17, pages 295-6.

"Georg Backer," came in the Anderson, qualifying Aug. 25, 1751.---Pennsylvania Archives, 2nd series, Volume 17, page 329.

"Johannes Backer," with "Joh. Phil. Berger," "Joh. Engel Bucher," and "Johan Henrich Bucher," came in the Neptune, qualifying Sept. 23, 1751.---Pennsylvania Archives, 2nd series, Volume 17, page 341.

"Philip Engle" and "Johan Michal Backer," with "Philip Hoffman," "Johan Nicklaus Hoffman," "Conrad Muller," "Johannes Muller," "Jacob Muller," "Georg Wilhelm Muller," "Joh. Jacob Muller," and "Hans Joc. Serber Zimmerman," came over in the Halifax, qualifying Sept. 22, 1752.---Pennsylvania Archives, 2nd series, Volume 17, pages 354-5.

"Johan Wilhelm Backer," "Heinrich Becker," "Johan Michael Burger," and "Johan Friederich Berger," came over in the Phoenix, qualifying Nov. 2, 1752.---Pennsylvania Archives, 2nd Series, Volume 17, pages 370-1.

"Teys Backer," "Tonis Backer," "Tys Backer," "Christn. Baeker," "Philip Backer," "Arnst Backer," and "Theis Backer," came over in the "Two Brothers," presumably in 1752-3, as the undated record was found among papers dated that year.---Pennsylvania Archives, 2nd Series, Volume 17, pages 377-8.

"Jerick Backer," aged 25, qualified 24 Sept. 1753.---Pennsylvania Archives, 2nd Series, Volume 17, page 400.

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Our research at Easton, Pennsylvania, shows that a Jacob Baseler of Plainfield Township left a will, proved November 4th, 1779, in which he mentioned children, Michael, John, Jacob, George, Elizabeth, Catharine, Maria, and Susanna. A Peter Bogert of Northampton County, left a will, December 29th, 1800, in which he mentions children, Jacob and Catharine. A Peter Bassler of Whitehall Township, died in 1802. None of the above, however, have any connection with your family. The following abstracts refer to Huguenot families of Bachet, Bouchet, Bouché, Bochet, and Boucher, all of which have a somewhat similar pronunciation in French.

Bachet. De sable au triangle d'or; au chef Consu d'azur, chargé de trois étoiles d'or.- M. Jouffroy D'Eschavannes, Armorial Universel.

s. d.
"To Bouchet, Panatier, and Gaury, Jr., for 12 days in the woods ....12- 0" ---Documents relating to the Huguenot Emigration to Virginia, Virginia Historical Society Publications, page 20.

Simon Bouché, one of the French colonists, birthplace unknown, emigrated to New Amsterdam by way of Holland- in years 1657-1663. They came from provinces of Picardy, Normandy. Britagne, Volume I, page 183.---Baird, "Huguenot Emigration."

"The names of persons naturalized by letters patent issued in London, March 21, 1682, in behalf of:
Stephen Bouchet, and 35-40 other French protestants with families, are entered in Liber IX, folio 326 **** The parties sailed from London for New England, March 28, 1682."---Baird's "Huguenot Emigration," Volume II, page 205.

Nicholas Bochet, native of Nant iul-les-meaux, son of Nicholas Bochet and Marguerite Petit; Susanne Dehays, his wife, b. in Magny, parvisse de Boutigny; with Susanne their daughter, b. in Fublaines; and Abel Bochet, bro. of Nicholas, b. in Nanteiul; were among the settlers of Orange Quarter.
These joined the emigration to South Carolina in 1681-1686. Came from near Meuy, 30 miles north-east of Paris, where the first open preachings of the Reformation took place.
These refugees in "Orange Quarter" may have been the descendants of some of the first converts in France.---Rev. C. M. Baird's "Huguenot Emigration to America, Volume II, page 104.

Boucher, Daniel, 1652, Burgess from Isle of Wight Co., Va.---Hening's Statutes at Large, Volume 1, page 379.

Louis Boucher was among the Huguenot emigrants who came to Boston in 1687-1700. He was naturalized in England, March 20, 1686.
"Mr. Louis Boucher, marchant à Boston," is mentioned in Gabriel Bernon's accounts March 23, 1703 to Aug. 15, 1704.---Baird's "Huguenot Emigration," Volume II, page 210.

"Return of the Grand and Petty Jury of Philadelphia County, September, 1701. **** John Boucher Excused Petty Jury ****

"Petty Jury Returnable Sepr the 2nd 1701 **** John Boucher"---Pennsylvania Magazine, Volume 16 (1892), pages 125-6.

Warrantees of Land, Northumberland Co.

	"Acres.	Date of Survey.
"Boucher, Samuel	300	Jan. 21, 1774."---Pennsylvania Archives, 3rd Series, Volume 25, page 63.

Warrantees of Land in Lancaster County, Pa., 1733-1896.

		"Acres.	Date of Survey.
John Becker,		15	June 1, 1768.
" "		12	Dec. 28, 1774.
Michael Becker,		100	July 25, 1744.
" "		54	Sept. 29, 1791.
" "		100	Feb. 13, 1755.
" "		50	July 2, 1784.
Philip Becker,		150	Oct. 26, 1773.
Jacob Becker, Jr.	In Dauphin Co.	60	Dec. 18, 1800.
Jacob Becker,	In Luzerne Co.	65	Oct. 25, 1845.
John Boucher,	Lancaster Co.	100	April 10, 1745.
" "	" "	40	June 2, 1748.
John Boucher, Jr.	" "	14	May 21, 1772.

Our research has not disclosed the least indication that you are connected with any of the above mentioned families. The abstracts and notes which follow bear upon the same or similar names.

26 May, 1791, "George Boocher of New Hanover Township, Montgomery" Co., Pa., "Farmer and Christina his wife," for £40 sell their 1/7 interest in 144 acres "in Uppermilford Township Northampton," of which "John Snyder Late of New Hanover Township aforesaid died Intestate Seized," the "said John Snyder at his decease" having "left a widow and six children Viz^t Catherine relict and widow, Sophia, Henry, Catherine, Maria, John and Christina Wife of the Said George Boocher."

Deed 7 Dec. 1790, Henry Antis, Nippenous Twp., Northumberland Co., Pa., and wife, Sophia, dau. of above John Snyder dec'd., sell their 1/7 interest in above property to Frederick Conrad of Worcester Twp., Montgomery Co., Pa.---Easton, Northampton County, Pennsylvania, Office of Register of Deeds, Book A, No. 2, pages 139-140-141. Copied by Frank Allaben.

Deed, 13 March, 1792, Henry Snyder of Maunheim Twp., York Co., and John Snyder of New Hanover Twp., Montgomery Co., said Henry Snyder being eldest son of late John Snyder, and said John Snyder being second son, the said Henry having a 2/7 and John a 1/7 interest in their father's estate, sell to Frederick Conrad, &c., their interests in their late father's 144 acres in Upper Milford Twp., Northampton Co., Pa.---Easton, Northampton County, Pennsylvania, Office of Register of Deeds, Book A, No. 2, pages 141-2.

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PENNSYLVANIA, SS:
(L. S.) By the Proprietaries.

WHEREAS, JACOB BOOGHER of the County of Bucks hath requested that we would grant him to take up one hundred Acres of Land situate in Rockhill township, in the said County of Bucks for which he agrees to pay to our use the sum of Fifteen Pounds Ten Shillings, current Money of this Province, for said one Hundred Acres and the yearly Quit-Rent of One Half-penny Sterling, for every Acre thereof

THESE are, therefore, to authorize and require you to survey or cause to be survey'd unto the said JACOB BOOGHER at the Place aforesaid, according to the Method of Townships appointed, the said Quantity of one hundred Acres, if not already survey'd or appropriated, and make Return thereof into the Secretary's Office, in order for further Confirmation; for which this shall be your sufficient Warrant; which Survey, in Case the said JACOB BOOGHER fulfil the above Agreement, within six Months from the Date hereof, shall be valid, otherwise void.

GIVEN under my Hand and the Seal of the Land Office, by Virtue of certain Powers from the said Proprietaries, at Philadelphia, this first day of August, Anno Dom. 1744

To WILLIAM PARSONS, Surveyor General. GEO THOMAS

IN TESTIMONY, That the above is a copy of the original remaining on file in the Department of Internal Affairs of Pennsylvania, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of said Department to be affixed at Harrisburg, this thirty first day of March A. D. 1910

(L. S.) James H. Craig
Deputy Secretary of Internal Affairs.

Compared by
R. C. De Wald,
George F. Ross.

"Samuel Bougher, for Lower Saucon," was made Constable at a Court at Easton, Pa., 3 Oct. 1752.---Ruff's History of Northampton, Lehigh, Monroe, Schuylkill, and Carbon Counties, 1845, page 22.

"List of Foreigners Imported in the Ship Dragon, Chas. Hargrove, Master, from Rotterdam. Qualified Sept. 30, 1732.
"[The original list is herewith given.]
"Dietrich Boocher."---Pennsylvania Archives, 2nd series, Volume 17, pages 68-70.

"List of Foreigners Imported in the Ship Loyal Judith, Edward Painter, Commander, from Rotterdam, Last from Deal. Qualified Sept. 3, 1739.
"Hans Jurig Burghart. Bartholnye Bougher."
****
"Philip Burghart.
"Petter Bougher."
[No original list given.]---Pennsylvania Archives, 2nd series, Volume 17, pages 192-3.

Lancaster Co., Pa., Warrantees of Land.
Bougher, Bartholomew, 100 acres, Aug. 15, 1748.---Pennsylvania Archives, 3rd Series, Volume 24, page 365.

"List of Foreigners Imported in the Ship Phoenix, John Mason, Master, from Rotterdam. Qualified Sept. 15, 1749.
"Johannes Boucher."---Pennsylvania Archives, 2nd Series, Volume 17, pages 289-90.

"List of Foreigners Imported in the Ship Minerva, John Spurrier, Master, from Rotterdam, last from Coves. Qualified Nov. 9, 1767.
"Nicholas Blacher. John Ludwig Baucher."---Pennsylvania Archives, 2nd Series, Volume 17, pages 482-3.

"List of Foreigners Imported in the Ship Catharine, James Sutton, Commander, from London. Qualified Sept. 21, 1773.
"Georg Baucher.
****
"Johan Henrich Becker."---Pennsylvania Archives, 2nd Series, Volume 17, page 509.

"List of Foreigners Imported ****"
Johan Daniel Bauscher, 26 Sept., 1749.---Pennsylvania Archives, 2nd Series, Volume 17, pages 295-6.

The Alsatian and French names of Bacher and Bochart, in the matter of spelling, at least, are very close approaches to the most prevalent spellings of the name of your ancestors in the original records of Pennsylvania. It is not difficult to dig up a large number of instances occurance of this name in France, but we content ourselves with repeating here, as examples, the few instances which you, yourself, culled out of Lippincott's Dictionary.

"Bacher, George Frederic. A French physician, born in Upper Alsace in 1709, published several works on the treatment of Dropsy.
"Bacher, Alexandre Andre Philippe Frederic. Son of George Frederic, noted above, was born about 1730. He was for many years editor of the 'Journal de Medecine.' He died in 1807.
"Bacher, Theobald. A French diplomat, born in Alsace in 1748, was chargé-d'affaires at Ratisbon and Frankfort. He died in 1813, leaving 'Memoirs on Germany and Switzerland.'"
"Bochart, Mathieu, a French Protestant theologian, was the author of a 'Treatise against Relics,' and a work entitled "Diallacticon,' (1662), advocating the union of Lutherans and Calvinists."
"Bochart, Samuel, an eminent French scholar and protestant theologian, born at Rouen in May, 1599. He studied divinity and the Oriental tongues under Cameron and Louis Cappel, and was subsequently instructed by Erpenius, at Leyden, in Arabic, Syriac, and Chaldee. He was appointed in 1625 pastor at Caen, where he remained forty-three years and acquired great influence and reputation as a preacher. In 1628 he acquitted himself with credit in a public dispute with the Jesuit Veron, who was employed by Cardinal Richelieu. His greatest works are his 'Hierozoicon,' (1663) or an account of animals mentioned in the Bible, and 'Geographia Sacra,' (1646) They are commended by Cuvier and Baron Humboldt. Bochart died at Caen in 1667, with the reputation of one of the most learned men of his time. Several volumes of his sermons were published after his death. 'No one,' says Hallam, 'has left a more durable reputation in this literature (Rabbinical or Hebrew) than Bochart. His 'Geographia Sacra' displays great learning and sagacity.'---Introduction to the Literature of Europe.

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"Bochart de Sarron, Jean Baptiste Gaspard, a French mathematician and astronomer, born in Paris in 1730. He was a member of the Academy of Sciences, and first president of the Parliament of Paris. He was guillotined in 1794."---Lippincott's Dictionary.

The following are descriptions of Coats of Arms.

Bacher en Touraine. De Sinople à la bande d'or accostée de deux meriettes de meme.---Armorial Universel, M. Jouffroy D'Eschavannes.

Bacher. Ecarté: Au 1 d'azur, à la rose d'Argent; Auy 2 et 5 de queules, à la franche d'olivier d'or: au 4 d'argent, à la rivière en bande d'azur accompagnée de deny étoiles du meme.---Armorial Universel, M. Jouffroy D'Eschavannes.

"Bosschaert en Brabant. D'or à un arbre sec de sable, accompagné de trois merlettes du meme."---Armorial Universel, M. Jouffroy D'Eschavannes, 1848, Tome II, pages 49-50.

"Bochart en Bourgogne. D'azur au croissant montant d'or et une étoile de meme en chef."---Armorial Universel, M. Jouffroy D'Eschavannes, Tome I, page 69.

The following abstracts give some account of Conrad Bacher, Bochert, or Rutters.

The Mennonite Church, Germantown, had its origin in the little colony of thirteen men and their families, thirty-three persons in all. They were from the large Mennonite Congregation of Crefeld, Germany. Came upon invitation of Renn to New World. Sailed from London on ship "Concord," July 24, 1683; landed at Philadelphia, Oct. 6, 1683. They were under care of Francis Daniel Pastorius, and their names are given. The name of Conrad Bachart (alius Rutter) does not appear among them here. But it is elsewhere stated that Conrad Bachart came with Pastorius as a servant, which I have given already with authority.

"Pastorius sailed with 33 emigrants, among them was Conrad Bacher (alius Rutter), on 6 June from Gravesend, on ship America, Capt. Joseph Wasey. Arrived in New World 10 Aug. 1683."---History of Germantown, by Samuel Pennypacker, page 56.

Conrad Bacher (Alias Rutter) "was one of the little party of emigrants under Francis Daniel Pastorius, who on June 6th, 1683, sailed from Gravesend, on the ship America, Captain Joseph Wasey, left England on the Tenth and on the 16th of August arrived in the New World"

Settled first in Philadelphia, on the 20th of August- then laid out Germantown on the 24th of October following.

In Germantown Cunrad Rutter sent his children to Pastorius who during the last twenty years of his life taught school.---Pennsylvania German Society Proceedings, Volume 9, The Settlement of Germantown, Penn., by Hon. Samuel Whitaker Pennypacker, 1899, pages 109, 116, 137, 147.

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"Pastorius, accompanied by four servants, who seem to have been Jacob Schumacher, Isaac Dilbeock, George Westmuller, & Koenradt Rutters, had gone to America, representing the purchasers both at Frankfort and Crefeld."---Historical and Biographical Sketches of Germantown, S. W. Pennypacker, Philadelphia, 1883, page 17.

"All the pioneer band of 33 persons with which Pastorius founded Germantown came from Crefeld; set sail from London, 24 July, 1683; reached Phil. 6 Oct. On the 12th the warrant was issued to Pastorius for 6000 acres on behalf of the purchas." ---Historical and Biographical Sketches of Germantown, Pennypacker, pages 30, 31.

We have found not the slightest indication of any connection between the above mentioned man and your ancestors. It seems incredible that the given name of Conrad should not appear somewhere in your family, provided this man was your ancestor. We cannot account for his use of the surname Bacher. It seems clear that Rutters was the name which he adopted after coming to Pennsylvania. He located in Germantown and was known as Conrad Rutters, as the following sample deeds to which he was a party testify.

Conrad Rutters to Paul Egel dated December 13th, 1709, for land in Germantown, and recorded in Deed Book I, No. 8, page 283, etc.

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The following references to Bagers or Bachers of York County, were furnished by you, and we give them here for the sake of placing with them certain records of immigrations of persons of similar names.

The following is from the Rev. Stanley Billheimer, York Springs, Pa. "Yours of the 7th and 9th at hand. Pardon the delay in answering; was out of town attending the annual meeting of Synod. The name in our church book is spelled 'Bacher.' That account was written in 1754, I judge, when the first building was erected. I am led to this conclusion by the use of the tenses, present and past. Who wrote the account I cannot say. I cannot find Bacher's signature in the book.

"Dr. S. S. Schmucker, in his historical articles, spelled the name 'Bager.' I have seen the same in other histories; so I presume that was the original. The German 'g' being usually soft (ch), it is easy to see how a change might be made by one hearing the name. The same is true of the German 'a', it being before a single

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consonant is broad, really like a short 'o'; so becomes 'au.' I do not have the name of any York party; there is a Baugher iron firm there. There is also a H. G. Baugher at Aspers, Pa. (this county). Any more information I can give you I shall be glad to furnish. I have always been interested in local history, genealogy, antiquarian research, etc. During my residence in Washington, I found much pleasure and profit in looking up old Masonic history. My lodge was one of the few present at the laying of the corner-stone of the U. S. Capitol by Bro. Geo. Washington, and owns the gavel used on that occasion.

Fraternally,
(Sig.) Stanley Billheimer.
"Potomac Lodge 5, Potomac R. A. Chapter 8, Potomac Com'y K. T. 3, D. C."

"List of Foreigners Imported in the Ship Samuel, of London, Hugh Percy, Master, from Rotterdam. Qualified Aug. 11, 1732.
"Hans Paulus Boger.
"Johan Philip Boger.
[Another list below, evidently the original.]
"Paulus Boger, ..."Age
40
"Philip Boger,..... 18
"Names of Women.
"Eva Bogerin,..... 35
"Names of Children.
"Matthias Boger,..... 13
"Michiel Boger,..... 12
"Justina Bogerin,..... 5."---Pennsylvania Archives, 2nd Series, Volume 17, pages 37-44.

"List of Foreigners Imported in the Ship Pink Plaisance, John Paret, Master, from Rotterdam. Qualified Sept. 21, 1732.
"Hans Albrecht Bucher.
"[The original list is herewith given.]
"Age
"Ulrigg Boucher,..... 45
"Women's Names.
"Barbarey Bogaren,..... 35
"Children.
"Margrit Bugerin."---Pennsylvania Archives, 2nd series, Volume 17, pages 52-7.

"List of Foreigners Imported in the Ship Friendship, John Mason, Captain, from Rotterdam. Qualified Nov. 2, 1744.
"Peter Bogert."
[No original list given]---Pennsylvania Archives, 2nd Series, Volume 17, pages 252-3.

"List of Foreigners Imported in the Ship Catharine, **** Sutton, Commander, from London. Qualified April 30, 1773.
"Henrich Conrad Boger."---Pennsylvania Archives, 2nd Series, Volume 17, page 505.

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"Maths. Bocher" and "Valentine Bocher" served in the 2nd Battalion, Lancaster Co. Militia, in July, 1781.---Pennsylvania Archives, 5th Series, Volume 7, page 129.

"Martin Bocher" on roll of district of 8th Co., 4th Battalion, Lancaster Co., 1782.---Pennsylvania Archives, 5th Series, Volume 7, page 434.

The following note to you refers to Henry Bacher of Lehigh County.

"Mr. A. E. Bachert,
Tyrone,
Pa.

"Dear Sir:-

In reply to your letter of inquiry concerning George Bachart and his descendants, I have looked over my data and the only mention I have found is the death of Henry Bacher, on May 19, 1838, of apoplexy, in South Whitehall township, in his 52nd year.

"If I knew in what section George Bachert lived I might be able to find more. Hoping that this small item may help you some, I am,

Yours very truly,
(Sig.) Chas. R. Roberts."

The following may possibly refer to an ancestor of the above mentioned Henry Bacher.

"Jacob Bacher, weaver, taxable for £82 in Lehigh Township, 1780."---History of Northampton Co., Pa., 1752, 1877, page 74.

The following record of an immigrant in 1749 may possibly refer to the George of Lehigh, mentioned by Stapleton, who perhaps is the ancestor of the above mentioned men.

"List of Foreigners Imported in the Ship Patience, Captain Hugh Steel, from Rotterdam. Qualified Sept. 19, 1749.

"****

"Hans Georg Bacher."---Pennsylvania Archives, 2nd Series, Volume 17, page 292.

Although your ancestor, the Revolutionary Nicholas, lived in a township adjoining the present County of Lehigh, we find no indication of a connection between your family and the above Lehigh County Bachers. It must be remembered that Lynn and Penn Townships, Northampton County, were settled by persons who mainly came from Berks County, while the other parts of Northampton County were largely settled by people who went up through Bucks County.

We close this exhibit of examples of the occurrences of the name Bacher, with the account of his family given by a recent immigrant in his letter to you.

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"Marietta, Ohio, Feb. 5, 1910.

"Mr. A. E. Bachert,
Tyrone, Pa.
My dear Sir:-

Replying to yours of 21st. Prox. will say that I and my sister Margaret Sherer of Cincinnati, Ohio are the only members of my family known to me in this country.

I am the son of John Bacher who died when I was 1 year and 11 months of age. We then lived at Neiderkirchen, County Ottenberg, Bavaria, where I lived with my family until I was about 19 years of age. My eldest Sister Philipena died while I was at home. My sister Margaret came to this country about ten years in advance of me.

I left London, England in 1859, leaving my mother Elizabeth Bacher at home in Niederkirchen which is 12 miles S. W. from Kaiserslautern, at home with my sisters Elizabeth, Caraline, and Barbara. I had no brothers. I have heard that my mother is dead, but do not know anything about my sisters.

I had two Uncles: Peter and Jacob.

Both lived in our town, and uncle Peter had 5 or 6 children.

My uncle Jacob had one daughter and no sons. I do not remember the names of any of my cousins.

I do not know the Henry Bucker, of 128 South 4th St. this city to be any relation to me.

I was educated as a musician in Germany where I traveled in a band from the age of 14 years to the time I left London England for this country. I am now living a retired life at the age of 71 years this coming March, at 408 Harmar Street, Marietta where I am always pleased to greet my friends.

I am pleased to subscribe myself, Very Respectfully yours,
"Henry Bacher."

In a letter from you to us, dated 18 January, 1909, you quoted from Mr. Franklin J. L. Bachert's letter, in which he in turn cites his uncle Nicholas, Bachert, as follows: "He also says that there is now living in Drehersville, a relative named Solomon Bachert, but he cannot say how he is related, nor just where he came from." You also write, commenting upon the above; "My grandfather spoke of one Solomon Bachert living, I think, near New Ringgold, but he did not know whether he was related to our branch of the family."

If the exact relationship between your family and that of the Bacherts' of New Ringgold can be established, I believe that this will go far towards solving the problem of your ancestry, establishing the original spelling of your surname; for we undoubtedly have obtained the most important clues concerning the ancestry of the New Ringgold Bacherts.

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In a letter to you from Charles W. Bachert, of 420 Walnut Street, South Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, who is of the New Ringgold family, he says:

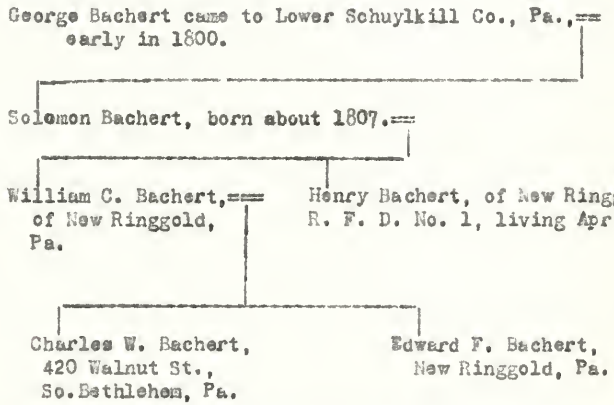
"It is an easy matter to get an accurate account of my family, beginning with Solomon Bachert, who was born, I think, in 1807."

Edward F. Bachert, of New Ringgold, Pennsylvania, brother of the above mentioned Charles, wrote you on 16 April, 1909, as follows:

"I am a son of Wm. C. Bachert, of New Ringgold, Pa. My grandfather was Solomon B., and great-grandfather was George Bachert, who came to Lower Schuylkill Co. (Pa.) in the early 18 hundreds.

"The C. W. B., or Charles, whom you mentioned of the Normal School, is my brother!**"

For convenience of reference we outline the little pedigree indicated in the above letters, as follows:



The following abstracts of documents which I found at Pottsville, Schuylkill County, refer, I believe, to the above family of New Brunswick Township, and indicate that the above mentioned George Bachert, father of Solomon, and great-grandfather of the above mentioned Charles W. and Edward F., is descended from the George Bossert of these abstracts, who had a son, Solomon, and who, himself, was the son of Rudolph or Rudolphus Bossert.

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Three deeds, showing sale, 6 Oct., 1802, by John Lardner, for £750 to "Rudolph Bossert" of Berks Co., Farmer, of 465 acres in Brunswick Twp., Berks; the sale of same 1 Nov. 1802, by said Rudolphus Bossert, Brunswick Twp., for £1,500, to George Bossert; and 13 May, 1815, mortgage sale of same to William Dornback and Andrew Heiser, for £5,000 by "George Bossert of Brunswick Township in Schuylkill County**** and Maria his wife."---Pottsville, Schuylkill County, Pennsylvania, Recorder's Office, Deed Book 4, pages 307-10. Copied by Frank Allaben.

1 April, 1806, "George Bossert of Brumswig township Berks County **** and Maria Magtalena his wife" for £600 sell to Abraham Seltzer part of the tract, on 6 Oct. 1802 bought by Rudolphus Bossert, & on 1 Nov. 1802 assigned by the latter to his son, the said George. Signed "George Bossert, his mark," "Jacob Bossert, his mark," a witness. The deed of 2 May, 1807, by said George is signed by his autograph in German.---Pottsville, Schuylkill County, Pennsylvania, Recorder's Office, Deed Book 4, pages 252-3. Copied by Frank Allaben.

2 May, 1807, "George Bossert of Brumswig Township on the County of Berks," Pa., "and Magtalena his wife," for £200 sell to Daniel Bensinger buildings and land, 19 acres, 22 perches, in Brunswick Twp., which, 6 Oct. 1802 John Lardner and wife sold to "Rudolph Bossert," and which the said Rudolph conveyed, 1 Nov. 1802, "unto his son George Bossert Party to this Presents."---Pottsville, Schuylkill County, Pennsylvania, recorder's Office, need Book 4, pages 192-4. Copied by Frank Allaben.

23 June 1815, Letters of Administration granted "To Mary Bossard Relict of George Bossard Dec^d & William Dornbach, both of the township of Brunswick, Schuylkill County"---Pottsville, Schuylkill County, Pennsylvania, Register of Wills' Office, Book No. 1, Letters of Administration, page 42. Copied by Frank Allaben.

2 Nov. 1822, for $1. paid by Philip Faust, to him is sold 120 acres, 32 perches of land, by "Mary Bossert widow and relict of George Bossert late of Schuylkill County yeoman deceased Andrew Heiser and Susanna his wife Solomon Ditrick & Mary his wife Jacob Smith and Catherine his wife Solomon Bossert and Mary his wife Daniel Bossert and George Bossert which said Sussanna Heiser, Mary Ditrich Catherine Schmidt Solomon Bossert, Daniel Bossert and George Bossert are heirs & legal representatives of said George Bossert dec^d."---Pottsville, Schuylkill County, Pennsylvania, Recorder's Office, Deed Book 4, page 306. Copied by Frank Allaben.

The following items referring to persons of this name in Schuylkill County, are here added, although their exact identification has not been worked out.

7 July, 1849, Letters of Administration granted "To Rebecca Bossert the Mother of Jacob Bossert of the Borough of Schuylkill Town in the County of Schuylkill dec^d"---Pottsville, Schuylkill County, Pennsylvania, Register of Wills' Office, Letters of Administration, Book 4, page 131.

8 May, 1854, Letters of Administration granted "To John F. Schoener a friend and neighbor of Charles W. Bossard of the Borough of Orwigsburg deceased who died in the Summer of 1851."---Pottsville, Schuylkill County, pennsylvania, Office of Register of Wills, Letters of Administration, Book 5, page 105. Copied by Frank Allaben.

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having found a Solomon Bucher, son of George, in Pine Grove Township, I had drawn the erroneous inference that the New Ringgold Bacherts were probably descended from these Pine Grove Buchers, but, on my return journey from Pottsville, I visited Reverend H. A. Weller, of Orwigsburg, Schuylkill County, in order to get access to the church records of the Sion's or Red Church in West Brunswick, Schuylkill County, in the churchyard of which Mr. Franklin J. L. Bachert's great-grandfather, Nicholas, is supposed to lie buried. Mr. Weller had printed the early marriage and baptismal records of the Red Church, and these I examined, failing to find any Bachert records, as he predicted I would. However, Mr. Weller very kindly gave me, late one evening, a copy of a little pamphlet, entitled, "Friedens Church at the Little Schuylkill." In reading this pamphlet, while on the train the next morning, I found things that seemed to me strikingly significant, as you may judge from the following extracts from that pamphlet.

"Friedens Church is locally and historically the 'Church at the Little Schuylkill.' For a time after her founding the fathers, in writing to their friends in the fatherland, lovingly referred to her as their 'Friedens Kirche, unweit der Kleinen Schulkil, in Braunschweig, ueber den Blauen Bergen in Berks County in Pennsylvanien.' (Friedens Church, in the vicinity of the Little Schuylkill in Brunswick, beyond the Blue Mountains in Berks County, Pennsylvania."---Pages 1-2.

"To the southwestward a mile and a quarter distant lies the village of McKeansburg, once a proud aspirant for the location of the county seat of the newly erected county of Schuylkill; and defeated only by a trick. To the eastward, five eighths of a mile distant, just across the Little Schuylkill is the more modern town of New Ringgold."---Pages 3-4.

"***already in the early 40's, we find five young men, three of them with families, penetrating northward, or rather westward, from Maxatawney and Allemangel, across the Blue mountains to build the first cabins of which there is authentic data. These were the three Bensinger brothers, Daniel, Jacob, and Frederick, Philip Schwart and John Kuehnle. Frederick Bensinger with his family and two brothers first came into the 'Summer Valley' and build their cabin about one and a-half miles eastward from where New Ringgold now is. Philip Schwartz and his family erected their cabin on the south slope of the ridge where the Godshall homestead now is."---Pages 11-12.

"George Bacher, John Bolicht and Abraham Seltzer came later, (about 1758... George Bacher settled at the south slope of the hills just west of Phillip Schwartz's plantation, where the old Bachert homestead now is.---Pages 12-13.

"**** we know that a number of the people were somewhat dissatisfied with the moral character of their school-master in 1770, and started a movement to build a new school house further northeastward, which movement waxed stronger until some twenty years later it resulted in the organization of the congregation of Zion's Church, in West Penn Township, about seven miles south of Tamaqua.---Page 24.

"****now, at last, came among them 'Pastor' Daniel E. Schaeffer, to help them in their trials and give them the hope of a future regular pastorate. This was in 1794."**** "What were the antecedants of this Pastor Daniel E. Schaeffer, or just when he first came among these people we have not been able to learn." ****"Certain, however, it is that he settled in this trans-mountain section, and served this congregation and later also Zion's Church of West Penn township from 1807, together with other churches, as far east as Lehighton in Carbon County, for a number of years. His influence was great among these people, but seems, from results, to have been exerted for the welfare of the good estate of the congregation alone. He continued as pastor of Friedens church until the year 1826. Where he went after that, except that he continued to serve Zion's Church, West Penn, until 1835, I have not with my best research and inquiry been able to trace."---Page 30.

"The Dreher family came to this section from Northampton (now Lehigh) county, and were for a number of years prominent members of the Reformed church; but, like the Bolichs, they were swept under in the wave of sectarianism, in the early 40's of this century, and have affiliated there since then. They settled for the most part in the lower valley of the Little Schuylkill, and Drehersville is named for them.

"The Jost, (now spelled Yost), family came to this vicinity from Montgomery county. They have been staunch adherents of the Reformed faith, and several men of prominence, both at the bar and the pulpit have marked the history of the family with honor.

The Faust family came here from Lehigh county and settled in what is called Bachert's valley. They have been prominent in the Reformed congregation both here and at Zion's church in West Brunswick."---Page 37.

"Reverends Erb and Leisse both recognized how much need there was for bringing the blessings of the Church of Jesus to those whose circumstances and infirmities prevented them from coming regularly to the altars in the church, from great distances; and, as some of the members had four miles and over to come to the church, they commenced to hold occasional preaching services at Public School Houses in the district, where also affiliated Sunday Schools were organized."---Pages 62-63.

"This was especially the case at Bachert's School House, about two miles east of New Ringgold, and Kleckner's School House in the Kleckner valley, about one and a-half miles east of Hecla, Pa."---Page 63.

You will notice in the above extracts the references to "Bachert's Valley," and "Bachert's School House," which seem to have derived their names from this New Ringgold family. You will also notice that the pamphlet states that George Bacher settled near New Ringgold about 1758, "where the old Bachert homestead now is." From a very careful study of the original records of Pottsville, and the old tax lists of Brunswick Township, subsequently divided into East and West Brunswick, there can be no doubt that the George "Bacher" of the pamphlet, whose homestead became the

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"Bachert" homestead, is the George Bossert, son of Rudolph, of the preceding abstracts of records which I obtained at Pottsville. Thus, we seem to have proven that one family which now spells its name Bachert, and which has long been resident in Schuylkill County, in East Brunswick Township, adjoining Penn Township, descends from ancestors that in early times consistently spelled their name Bossert. What is still more remarkable, is that the moment we assume that Bossert was the original spelling, in Pennsylvania, of the name of your earliest ancestors, we have the most rational explanation of all the variations of your surname in the old records.

Mr. Franklin J. L. Bachert has written to you that he understood that the correct pronunciation of the name was Bogh-ert. You have written that the correct pronunciation of your name, as traditionally handed down, was Boch-ert. The tendency amongst the Germans, among whom your Huguenot ancestors settled, would always be to make these soft sounds hard. If they found your name written "Bacher," or "Bochart," the German tendency would be to pronounce it "Backer" and "Backert." Therefore, it is never a cause for surprise to find the name written with a k, indicating this german pronunciation. But it would be very unusual to find spellings that indicated a soft sound (and the name of your Revolutionary Nicholas was sometimes written Basher), unless this more French pronunciation had been handed down in your family. The handing down of the tradition in your family in favor of the pronunciation of Bochert all points in the same direction. You will notice how close this pronunciation is to the ordinary pronunciation which would be given to the name Bossert.

Would it not seem remarkable if, in addition to this traditional pronunciation handed down in your family, and in addition to the fact that we find Bosserts in a Township adjoining Penn, the evolution of this name from Bossert to Bachert, we can trace in documents,-- would it not be significant, I say, if we should find that this Brunswick family of Bosserts came from the same section of

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Berks County as your Bacher ancestors.

The following document shows that Jacob Hoffman, son-in-law of John Nicholas Bachert of Albany Township, Berks County, became one of the early settlers in Brunswick Township, Schuylkill, where the Bosserts-Bacherts were.

7 March, 1812, "We Jacob Hoffman of Brunswick township in Schuylkill county and state of Pennsylvania yeoman and Margareth his wife one of the daughters of Nicholas Bacher Deceased" appoint "John Bacher of Albany township in Berks county," Pa., "our true and lawful attorney for us **** to grant bargain and sell all that our third part of a certain messuage and tract of land situate in the township of [blank] in the county of Buck in the state aforesaid of late the property of Philip Engle deceased."---Pottsville, Schuylkill County, Pennsylvania, Recorder's Office, Deed Book 1, pages 430-1. Copied by Frank Allaben.

The following document, obtained from Harrisburg, shows that of the New Ringgold Bacherts, with their family names of George, Solomon, and Jacob, in some way had acquired an interest in property in East Brunswick Township, Schuylkill County, which the above mentioned Jacob Hoffman, son-in-law of John Nicholas Bachert of Berks County, had originally acquired by patent as early as 1766.

THE COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA.

(L. S.)
JNO W. GEARY

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME, GREETING:
KNOW YE, That in consideration of the sum of Two hundred and thirteen dollars and ten cents, in full of arrearages and fees now paid by SOLOMON BACHERT and the other owners into the Treasury Office of this Commonwealth, there is granted by the said Commonwealth, unto the said SOLOMON BACHERT- JACOB BACHERT, EMANUEL BACHERT, GEORGE BACHERT- LYDIA FOUST and NATHAN REHRIC a certain tract of land, situate in East Brunswig Township, SCHUYLKILL County, BEGINNING at a stone, thence by land warranted to LEWIS HERING and JACOB WESTSINE south seventy five degrees east ninety five perches to a stone, south thirty perches to a stone, north eighty degrees east thirty six perches to a stone, south ten degrees east, twenty one and one fourth perches to a stone, thence by land of JOHN CLAUSER north eighty two degrees east eighty seven and one half perches to a stone, thence by land warranted to JACOB HOFFMAN north one hundred and ten and two tenths perches to stones, thence by land of HENRY HELLER west one hundred perches and one half to a post, north seventy five perches to a stone, thence by land late GEORGE KESTER (now A. WESTSTONE) north eighty seven degrees west one hundred and five and one half perches to a stone, and thence by land warranted to JACOB HOFFMAN south five degrees west one hundred and thirty four perches to the BEGINNING CONTAINING one hundred and sixty eight acres fifty five and one fourth perches and allowance

WHICH SAID TRACT was surveyed by virtue and in pursuance of Application No. 1316, dated the twenty third day of January, A. D. 1766 entered in the name of JACOB HOFFMAN whose right in and to the same has since become vested in the said SOLOMON BACHERT - JACOB BACHERT - EMANUEL BACHERT GEORGE BACHERT- LYDIA FAUST - and NATHAN REHRIC, to whom a warrant of acceptance issued this tenth day of Nov. A. D. 1871

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD, The said Tract or Parcel of Land, with the appurtenances, unto the said SOLOMON BACHERT - JACOB BACHERT - EMANUEL BACHERT GEORGE BACHERT- LYDIA FAUST and NATHAN REHRIC and their heirs, to the use of them, the said SOLOMON BACHERT - JACOB BACHERT and others aforesaid their heirs and assigns forever, agreeably to their respective rights and interests
FREE AND CLEAR of all Restrictions and Reservations, as to Mines, Royalties, Quit-rents or otherwise, excepting and reserving only the fifth part of all Gold and Silver Ore for the use of the Commonwealth, to be delivered at the Pit's Mouth, clear of all charges.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, JOHN W. GEARY Governor of the said Commonwealth, hath hereunto set his Hand and the Seal of the office of the Surveyor General of Pennsylvania hath been hereunto affixed, the tenth day of November in the year of our LORD one thousand eight hundred and seventy one and of the Commonwealth the ninety sixth

ATTEST:

J. M. CAMPBELL

Surveyor General.

IN TESTIMONY, that the within is a copy of a Patent as recorded in Patent Book H Volume 69 page 759 remaining in the Department of Internal Affairs of Pennsylvania, I have hereunto set my Hand and caused the Seal of said Department to be affixed, at Harrisburg, this sixteenth day of March A. D. 1910.

James H. Craig,

(L. S.) Deputy Secretary of Internal Affairs.

Compared by:

R. C. De Wald

George F. Ross.

The next point is to learn where Rudolph Bossert and his son, George, who settled in what is now East Brunswick Township, Schuylkill County, came from before they located in Schuylkill County.

If you refer to an early part of this report, you will notice that about the time of the erection of Berks County, its northernmost Township, Albany, was sub-divided and Greenwich Township set off from it. The following tax lists of of Greenwich Township show that Rudolph and Jacob Hoffman, before they settled in Brunswick Township, Schuylkill County, had both resided in Greenwich Township, Berks County, closely adjoining to Albany Township, and where your immediate family, Jacob, John Nicholas, and Solomon Bachert, were living at the same time.

"Greenwich Township:"

"In 1756, the following taxables resided within this township, as it was then limited:

"**** Dietrich Mayer, Dietrich Leiby, **** George Miller, **** Henry Mayer, **** Henry Krall,**** Michael Leiby **** Philip Mayer, **** Rudolph Bussart, **** Jacob Hoffman, **** Adam Faust, **** Henry Faust ****

"The Maiden creek, which passes through the northwestern part of the township, affords water power."---Rupp, History of Berks and Lebanon Counties, Pennsylvania, pages 186-7.

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"Greenwich Township.

"Before the erection of the County [of Berks, 1752] Greenwich township was a part of Albany township; but shortly after that time it was erected into a separate township ****

"Taxables of 1759.- The township had the following taxables in 1759. The tax then levied amounted to £35 15 s., and Frederick Moser was the collector:

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****			
"George Beiner	6	****	-
"Rudolph Bosserd	5	Henry Kraul ****	4
*****			
"Henry Faust ****	8	****	
"Adam Faust ****	4	Jacob Ledig ****	5
"Philip Faust ****	5	George Miller ****	8
		****	

"Nicholas Steine ***4"---Montgomery, History of Berks County, page 1076.

"Greenwich Township.

	Acres.	Horses.	Cattle.	Sheep.	Tax.
"Bosserd, Rudolph, -- ----------	150	3	2	--	6

[Other names in this list: Adam Faust, Jacob Faust, Henry Faust, Nicholas Gotschall, George Hollabach, Nicho'a Hollsbach, Philip Mayer, Henry Mayer, Geo. Adam Mayer, Fred'k Mayer, Geo. Miller, Mich'l Miller, Philip Miller, Jacob Zettlemayer, and (among "single men"), Sebastian Faust.]---Pennsylvania Archives, 3rd Series, Volume 18, pages 57-60. Tax Return, Berks County, Pennsylvania, 1767.

"Greenwich Township.

	Acres.	Horses.	Cattle.	Sheep.	Tax.
"Bossert, Rudolph, ----	100	2	3	2	6"

[The other names noted in the list of 1767 are repeated in 1768, except that the four Mayers or Moyers, Philip, Henry, George Adam, and Fred'k, are not found.]---Pennsylvania Archives, 3rd Series, Volume 18, pages 126-8, Tax Return, Berks County, Pennsylvania, 1768.

Tax Return, Berks Co., 1779,
"Greenwich Township."

The name of Rudolph Bossert has disappeared. Nor does it appear in the lists for Greenwich Township for the years 1780(pages 357-61), 1781 (pages 485-88), 1784 (pages 615-18), or 1785 (pages 744-747).---Pennsylvania Archives, 3rd Series, Volume 18, pages 238-241.

"Associators and Militia. County of Berks, **** Third Battalion.
Colonel, Michael Lindemuth, May 17, 177*****

"First Company.

"Captain.

"Jacob Wetstein, May 17, 1777 ****

"Court Martial Men.

"Conrad Sheffer, May 17, 1777.

"Rudolph Bussers, May 17, 1777."---Pennsylvania Archives, 5th Seri Volume 5, pages 189-194.

Retu rn and Assessment, Berks County, Pennsylvania,
1784.

"Greenwich Township.

	Acres.	Horses.	Cattle.	Sheep.
"Bacher, Jacob,----------	--	---	2	--
"Broucher, Chris'n,----------	100	2	3	--"---

Pennsylvania Archives, 3rd Series, Volume 18, pages 615-18.

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Assessment of Taxes, Berks Co., Pa.
1785.
"Greenwich Township.
"Amount of Tax.
"Baker, Jacob,----------7.0"
[No other of similar name]---Pennsylvania Archives, 3rd Series, Volume 18, pages 744-7.

From the above tax lists and military return we learn that Rudolph Bossert was still in Berks County as late as May, 1777, but had disappeared from Greenwich Township at the time of the tax list of 1779. The following extracts show that in the year 1779 Rudolph Bossert and Jacob Hoffman appeared among the taxables of Brunswick Township, in what was then Berks, but now Schuylkill County. We find Rudolph Bossert in the same Township of Brunswick, in the tax lists of 1780, 1781, 1784, 1785, and 1790, and only in the last mentioned list do we find, for the first time, the name of a George Bossert. This George, who appears in the United States Census of 1790, with one male over sixteen and two females in his family, undoubtedly is the George Boosert, son of Rudolph, of the deeds which I obtained at Pottsville, and, without doubt, is the "George Bacher" of Reverend Mr. Weller's pamphlet, which states that he located near New Ringgold, about 1758.

"In 1811 the county of Schuylkill was erected from a part of Berks county and a part of Northampton county. The greater portion of its territory was cut from Berks county. **** The first township beyond the Blue Mountains **** was Brunswick. It was erected in 1768. Its territory was situated east of Schuylkill between the Blue and Sharp Mountains **** The first assessment list of 1769 levied a total tax of 6 £ 2 s. 6d."---Montgomery, History of Berks County, Pennsylvania, page 1191.

Neither Rudolph Bossert, nor any other Bossert or Bachert, under any spelling, appears in the list. The nearest approach to the name is that of "Thomas Berger," one of the "single men."

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"The second township was Pine Grove. It was erected in 1771. Its territory was situated west of the Schuylkill, between the Blue and Sharp Mountains **** The first assessment list of 1772 levied a total tax of 2£ 11 s. 9d."---Montgomery, History of Berks County, page 1192. [No Bacherts in list]

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"The third township was Manheim. It was erected in 1790. Its territory was taken from Brunswick **** No assessment was made until 1791."---Montgomery, History of Berks County, page 1192. [No Bacherts in list of that year, unless "Simon Burgher" be one]

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In the printed tax lists of Berks County, in the Pennsylvania Archives, "Brunswick" first appears among the townships of the County in 1779.

Tax List, Berks County, Pa.
1779.
"Brunswick Township.

	"Acres.	Negroes.	Horses.	Cattle.	Tax.
"Bossert, Rudolph,	450	---	2	4	1,040
"Hoffman, Jacob,	100	---	2	3	425

"Single Freemen. "Shillings.

"Jacob Busher, 6"---Pennsylvania Archives, 3rd Series, Volume 18, pages 195-8.

"Jacob Hoffman," whose name appears above, does not appear in the Assessment list of 1769 (Montgomery, History of Berks County, page 1191), although he had taken out a warrant for land in Brunswick Township as early as 1766.

Tax List, Berks Co., Pa.
1780.
"Brunswick Township.

	"Acres.	Negroes.	Horses.	Cattle.	Tax.
"Bossart, Rudolph,	465	---	3	5	22.14.0
"Godshall, Thomas,	200	---	2	1	4. 4.0
"Hoffman, Jacob,	100	---	2	4	5. 0.0
"Hering, Ludwig, 9 m., s. m.,	171	---	1	5	13.10.0
"Herring, Chris'r,	100	---	2	1	1.10.0

"Single Freemen.

	Amount of Tax.
"Bachrist, Zachariah,	10.0.0
"Bossard, Henry,	5.0.0"---Pennsylvania Archives, 3rd Series, Volume 18, pages 330-35.

Tax List, Berks Co., Pa.
1781.
"Brunswig Township.

	"Acres.	Negroes.	Horses.	Cattle.	Tax.
"Bossart, Rudy,	465	----	3	4	4.12.2
"Hoffman, Jacob,	100	----	2	5	1. 1.0
"Bushy, Jno.,	200	----	2	3	1. 5.8

[Other names of possible interest in the list include Martine Brobst, Dewalt, Herring, Myer, Miller, Zimmerman.]---Pennsylvania Archives, 3rd Series, Volume 18, pages 457-62.

Tax List, Berks County, Pa.
1784.
"Brunswig Township.

	"Acres.	Horses.	Cattle.	Sheep.	No. of Persons.
"Bushy, John,	200	2	2	6	5
"Bushy, Jacob,	300	---	1	---	3
"Bosert, Rudy,	466	4	3	6	7
"Hoffman, Jacob,	100	2	3	----	7

"Single Freemen.

	"Amount of Tax.
"Jacob Hoffman,	2.0.0
"Anthony Hoffman,	2.0.0"---Pennsylvania Archives, 3rd Series, Volume 18, pages 585-90. [In this list are found the names of Jacob and Philip Foust (evidently non-resident landholders), Herring, Mayer, Miller, and Zimmerman]

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Tax List, Berks Co., Pa.
1785.
"Brunswig Township.

	Amount of Tax.
"Borger, Simon,	4.0
"Buchy, Jacob,	10.0
"Bussert, Rudy,	2.15.9
"Davolt, John,	8.0
"Foust, Jacob,	1.1.0
"Godshal, Tho's,	7.6
"Hoffman, Jacob, Ju'r,	5.3
"Hoffman, Jacob, Se'r,	10.0"---Pennsylvania

Archives, 3rd Series, Volume 18, pages 715-20.
[Herrings, "Abraham Lincoln," Moyers, Millers, and a Zimmerman also appear.]

1790.
"Brunswick and Manheim Townships."
"Baker, August," 1 male not under 16, 1 male under 16, 1 female.
"Bossart, Jacob," 1 male not under 16, 2 females.
"Bushy, Jacob," 4 males not under 16, 2 males under 16, 4 females.
"Burger, Simon," 1 male not under 16, 4 males under 16, 3 females.
"Bosheer, BarthW," 3 males not under 16, 3 males under 16, 6 females.
"Bossert, Rudy," 2 males not under 16, 2 females.
"Bossert, Geo.," 1 male not under 16, 2 females."---United States Census, State of Pennsylvania, 1790, page 30.

Mr. Weller evidently depended upon family tradition in stating that George Bacher located in East Brunswick Township in 1758. This is a mistake, the date assigned to him being too early, as we have proven from documentary sources. Moreover, the fact that the family tradition of the New Ringgold Bacherts only goes back as far as this George and leaves out his father, Rudolph, is, no doubt, due to the fact of the change in the surname from Bossert to Bachert.

While this report has been in progress of completion, we have succeeded in getting a reply to a letter of inquiry addressed to Mr. Henry Bachert of New Ringgold, the uncle of the before mentioned Charles W. and Edward F. Bachert, who furnished information concerning the New Ringgold family. Our letter and Mr. Bachert's reply are here given.

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"28 March, 1910.

"Mr. Henry Bachert,
R.F.D. No. 1,
New Ringgold, Schuylkill Co.,
Pennsylvania.

"Dear Sir:-

"We are seeking to learn who the ancestors of Mr. A. E. Bachert of Tyrone, Pennsylvania, are, and also whether his ancestors, who lived in Penn Township, were related to your ancestors who lived in East Brunswick Township, Schuylkill County. Mr. A. E. Bachert has had letters from your nephews, Mr. Edward F. Bachert of New Ringgold and Mr. Charles W. Bachert of South Bethlehem. They wrote what they knew of their ancestors, but asked Mr. Bachert to write to you. They thought you would know more than they did.

"We think that we have traced your ancestors before they settled in Schuylkill County, and we can make sure of this if you will be so kind as to send us answers to the following questions.

"1. What was the name of your father, and when was he born, and whom did he marry?

"2. What was the name of your father's father, and whom did he marry?

"3. When your grandfather Bachert died, what became of his farm where he lived, and who owns it and lives on it now?

"4. Do you know the name of your great-grandfather?

"5. Please give the names of all your uncles and aunts, and tell whom they married.

"6. Please give the names of any of your great-uncles or great-aunts, which you can, who werethe brothers or sisters of your grandfather Bachert.

"We enclose a stamped and addressed envelope. If you will send us a reply by return mail we will be very thankful, as this will enable us to get the information which you send us into the report which we are about to send Mr. A. E. Bachert.

"Very truly yours,
"Frank Allaben Genealogical Company,
"By
"Frank Allaben."

"New Ringgold, April 2nd, 1910.

"Mr. Frank Allaben:

"I received yours on the 29 of March, and I will answer your questions all I know about.

"No. 1. My Father's name was Solomon Bachert, and he was born in November the 14th, 1804, and he married Sarah Seininger.

"No. 2, and my Grandfather's name was George Bachert, his wife's name was Catharine Hoffman.

"No. 3, when my Grandfather died, my Father bought the farm, and when my Father died, my brother Solomon Bacher bought the farm and he lives on it now yet. Now it comes to No. 4, all I know about that part is Nicklas Bachert.

"No. 5, my uncle's names are, John Bachert, he married a Zettlemoyer, and Jacob Bachert, I don't know what his wife's name was. Henry Bachert, he was'n't married, they were all my uncles, now my aunts names, Marriah, she was married to big Jacob Godshall, and Modlana, she was married to Nodlas Meyer, and Elizabeth she married John Faust.

"No. 6, I caint answer this part and this is all I can tell you about my relatives, if you please let me know who A. F. Bachert is.

"Yours truly,
"Henry Bachert,
"New Ringgold, Schuylkill Co., R.F.D. No. 1, Box 51,
"Pa."

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This letter adds a very interesting complication to the New Ringgold problem. Mr. Henry Bachert says that his father was Solomon Bachert, born in 1804, and that the latter was the son of George Bachert, whose wife's name was Catharine Hoffman. He also says that his great-grandfather was Nicholas Bachert. If he is correct as to this last point, then there are two distinct Bachert tribes near New Ringgold, and this Henry Bachert's grandfather, George, who married Catharine Hoffman, would be the fourth son of your Revolutionary Nicholas, and brother of your great-grandfather, Michael, Mr. Franklin J. L. Bachert's great-grandfather, Nicholas, and Mr. William A. Baucher's grandfather, Jacob.

At the present time I am sceptical as to the correctness of Mr. Henry Bachert's information that his great-grandfather was Nicholas, as he seems to know nothing about this great-grandfather except his name. But it is possible that he is correct in this, as we hope to learn through further correspondence. On the other hand, if he is correct in saying that his grandfather, George Bachert, married Catharine Hoffman, then this George Bachert, who married Catharine Hoffman, and was father of a Solomon, born in 1804, could not be the George Bossert, son of Rudolph, who had a son, Solomon, unless the last mentioned George was twice married, Catharine being his first wife, for the settlement of the estate of George Bossert, son of Rudolph, shows that he left a widow of another name. He may have been twice married, however. Again, the George Bossert, son of Rudolph, besides his son, Solomon, also had a son, George. Could this second George (son of George, and grandson of Rudolph), be the George who married Catharine Hoffman, and was the grandfather of Mr. Henry Bachert of New Ringgold?

However this may be, all the arguments drawn from the change of name of the other Bacherts around New Ringgold from Bossert to Bachert remain in their full force. It now remains to see whether, with this Bossert clue to aid us, we can get further light upon the Bacherts of Albany Township, Berks County, connecting them with the Bosserts, and indicating the relationship with Rudolph Bossert.

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